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## Man, 25, is facing road rage allegation

A MAN has appeared in court after a father of three was attacked in an alleged road rage incident in Dudley.

Samuel Pagett, aged 25, of Cot Lane, Kingswinford, appeared at Dudley Magistrates Court on Tuesday charged with wounding.

He gave no indication of a plea to the magistrates and was bailed to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court on April 9.

Pagett was arrested hours after Paul Currie was left in a coma.

He had been allegedly knocked out with a single blow after asking a driver to slow down on the Holly Hall estate in Dudley.

Mr Currie was left critical at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, where his family is keeping vigil. The alleged attack happened at 3pm on Sunday, after Mr Currie walked back from The Woodside Inn to his home after a darts match. He was initially in Russells Hall Hospital but was moved to Birmingham for an operation.

## Eight firms eye Grove's

A TOTAL of eight companies are now showing interest in buying all or part of the business of a famous Dudley button manufacturer that closed with the loss of 25 jobs.

But none has so far made an offer for James Grove and Sons, the 155-year-old factory based in Stourbridge Road, Halesowen. The firm closed before Christmas.

## Double blow

MERRY Hill Centre suffered a double blow as HMV and Jessops went into administration. HMV went into administration this week, putting thousands of jobs at risk just days after camera chain Jessops closed.

# £100,000 BAR TO CREATE NEW JOBS

by Andrew Turton

A £100,000 expansion plan for a bar creating dozens of new jobs in Dudley High Street's indoor market has been revealed.

Businessman Tony Swannie who owns the Plaza Malls market in the former Woolworth's store, is behind the plans. Also a new fitness and karate centre has been created in 20,000sqft of old storage areas on the upper floor of the building as part of the expansion.

Permission has now been granted by Dudley Council officers to convert the lower ground floor, leading on to King Street into a bar. Mr Swannie said he had reached an agreement with an as yet unnamed operator for the bar. He hopes the premises will open by March.

"This could become a real hub in the centre of Dudley with the bar, the stores and the leisure facilities," he said.

"The 20,000sqft of storage which has been changed into leisure facilities will be available for the public to use.

"I would imagine that there should be a good few jobs created."

He said the open plan design of the bar would allow the venue to stage live music. Mr Swannie added the King Street exit would also allow good access for taxi pickups.

In a report, council planners said: "The use has a positive role in supporting the overall function, vitality and viability of Dudley Town Centre by bringing back into use vacant premises, which would contribute to the evening and night-time economy."

### Changing

A gym dance studio will be on the first floor and the second floor is also being converted with changing rooms.

Mr Swannie spent around £1 million converting the old Woolworth's store in 2009 to create the indoor market-style premises which is fully occupied by 40 traders.

The Aldridge business also runs a smaller indoor market site offering 26 small shop units in Halesowen.

The businessman says he is hopeful of opening up to 20 similar premises in the region in the coming years.

It could be good news for Dudley and follows the reopening of former Dudley night-club JB's in September.

The venue was given a six-figure revamp by new owner Ramesh Kumar Ahir.

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AN MP is calling for an urgent meeting with npower bosses after the energy giant announced it was closing its offices in Kingswinford.

Meanwhile union bosses have pledged to support workers.

The High Street base, which employs 284 people, will close within a year following a "strategic review" of the firm's sites.

Dudley South MP Chris Kelly said he wanted to discuss the reasons behind the closure as he pledged his support to staff who may be affected.

No date has yet been given for the closure, but a spokesman said it would be within the year.

The firm said some staff would be relocated but would not say if jobs were at risk, however staff said they had been warned by bosses there could be redundancies.

"While I don't expect to reverse the decision, I want to speak to them about why they have made the decision and seek what help I can for all those affected employees," said Mr Kelly.

Andrew Johnson, regional official for Unison, said he was talking to company bosses to represent the interest of union members.

He said: "We are trying to do our best for our members at the offices."

## By-election list finalised

THE list of candidates for a council by-election in Stourbridge has been finalised.

The election will take place in the Wollaston and Stourbridge Town ward on January 31.

Representing Labour will be Barbara Sykes, the Conservative candidate will be Matt Rogers, and for the Liberal Democrats will be Christopher Bramall.

Barbara Deeley will represent UKIP, Ben Sweeney the Green Party, Ken Griffiths the BNP, and Russell Eden as an independent.

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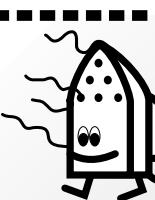
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**Brave Judie loses battle with cancer**

Judie Didlick

A DUDLEY woman has lost her battle with cancer, 14 years after being told she had only weeks to live.

Judie Didlick, of Dudley, who also used her maiden name Binfield, was 32 when she died of the cancer that had plagued her for her entire adult life. Her father, Graham Binfield, paid tribute to her: "She'd always said 'two fingers up' to cancer, ever

since she was diagnosed at the age of 18 and was told she had only weeks to live," said Mr Binfield, of Alrewas, Staffordshire.

"She was a bright and bubbly person, as well as brave, and wouldn't want anyone feeling sorry for her. She was determined to make it to 30 – and passed that by two years."

Judie, of Hagley Court, Lower Gornal, a former pupil at Dud-

ley's Ellowes Hall School, planned to train as a teacher but her hopes were dashed when she had the devastating diagnosis that she had metastatic alveolar sarcoma, a fast-growing and spreading cancer, in her left leg.

A tumour in the leg was removed in an operation at Birmingham Orthopaedic Hospital but over the years the cancer kept returning, striking first

at her lungs and then around her heart. She underwent two further major operations, as well as radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

Judie loved shopping and was able to go on a final outing to the Merry Hill centre in her wheelchair with her father just before Christmas. But, on December 28, she died at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

**School is targeted five times by raiders**

THE headteacher of a primary school hit by metal thieves five times in less than two months spoke of her devastation in the wake of the latest theft which caused severe flooding.

End-of-year celebrations at Hurst Hill Primary School in Coseley were ruined by metal thieves. The school has been targeted five times between November and mid-December, causing thousands of pounds of damage.

However, it was the most recent theft that had the biggest impact. Thieves ripped 30m of copper pipe from the roof just before the Christmas break, causing water to fall through the ceiling.

Headteacher Caroline Dingli said: "It caused a catastrophic flood and ruined two thirds of the school. It was just devastating."

Three classrooms were flooded, ruining children's work and the Christmas presents they planned to give each other.

The electrics were destroyed and left in a dangerous state, forcing the school to close on its last day before Christmas.

Mrs Dingli said: "I had children and staff in tears. Everyone was very upset."

**Pizza shop stored dog meals with menu food**

A TAKEAWAY boss has been fined thousands of pounds after inspectors found dirty work surfaces, broken fridges and dog food stored alongside ingredients on the menu.

Mohammed Hassani, the owner of The Godfather pizza in Brierley Hill, admitted all 11 food hygiene charges and another five health and safety offences relating to maintaining gas appliances.

Richard Essex, prosecuting, told Dudley Magistrates Court inspectors found dirty walls and surfaces when they visited the premises in Cooper Avenue.

He said staff were not trained properly about food hygiene matters, surfaces and cooking equipment were dirty and there was mould found around the kitchen area during the visit on December 6, 2011.

He added: "The paint on the ceilings was flaking and the conditions in the food preparation area were filthy."

**Inspections**

Improvement had been noticed in more recent inspections, however, he added.

Ali Tabari, defending, said Hassani was battling debt and an unco-operative landlord who refused to allow the building to be altered.

The court heard he had made just £8,000 profit from the business last year.

He added: "The food hygiene problems have been rectified and he sees this as a wake-up call."

Mr Tabari said: "His real failure was not implementing a proper cleaning rota and document it."

He said Hassani would struggle to pay the £3,200 the court fined him along with the £4,134 in prosecution costs.

He added: "He has not been any burden on the state since he arrived from Iran in 1999 but if the fine is more than £4,000, that is what could happen."

**Postman scores with calendar**

Postman Carl Bottley, aged 44, with the under 9s Netherton Colts team

A DUDLEY postman is one of the "stars" of a Royal Mail charity calendar.

Carl Bottley, aged 44, was chosen for the month of August because of the work he does with young footballers Netherton Colts.

Mr Bottley, who lives in Netherton and works at the Dudley delivery office on Trinity Road, will have the photo of his team and himself sent to Royal Mail's 150,000 employees throughout the country.

Mr Bottley said he was "delighted" to fea-

ture in the calendar which aims to inspire his colleagues to get involved in charity events. Netherton Colts has been Mr Bottley's fundraising project for 13 years. He has managed the players through from the under 8s team to the under 16s.

For the past two years he has managed the under 9s team whose members feature in the calendar with him.

The team regularly does fundraising activities and donates the money to local children's charities.

**No charge on false alarms**

WEST Midlands Fire Service will not be following the lead of its London counterpart in charging for false alarm call-outs.

There were more than 10,000 automatic fire alarm call-outs in the West Midlands last year and 98 per cent were false alarms.

Of the remaining two per cent, most were described as very small fires.

Station Commander Ben Brook, who is based at the service's headquarters, said West Midlands would not be charging for the call-outs but would watch London "with interest".

**Plans approved**

REVISED plans to convert the boiler house at a former Dudley hospital into apartments have been agreed.

Some residents feared the plans could cause increased traffic on a private road in front of homes close by.

But Dudley Council approved the latest plans for the old Wordsley Hospital.

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## Dead body found on riverbank

A MIDLANDS man who had been missing from home for two months has been found dead.

His body was washed up on a river bank about 30 miles away.

Stuart Titley – known as Joe – from Stourport was described as “vulnerable” and was well known in the area. He disappeared after one of his regular walks along the River Severn.

His body was found near Tewkesbury, just over the Worcestershire border into Gloucestershire, and it is thought it was swept down the river during the recent flooding.

Although the circumstances of how he came to have been in the water are not yet known, police say there is no thought to be anything suspicious about the death.

Mr Titley’s shopping bag, containing personal items, was found beside the river about a mile outside Stourport at a spot known as Stoney Bottom the day after he was reported missing.

The worried family of the 60-year-old last saw him on November 15 and reported him missing to police the next day. Mr Titley’s body was discovered in a farmer’s field at Uckinghall, near Tewkesbury.

## Sessions on cutting falls

NEW practical sessions on preventing falls for Worcestershire residents cared for by an adult relative or friend have been launched.

Each year 30 per cent of those over 65 living in the community will fall.

Residents across the county who care for someone are being encouraged to book early for the new ‘falls prevention’ sessions later this month.

Sessions are taking place at the YMCA in Henwick Road, St John’s, Worcester, and at the Ecumenical Centre, Evesham Walk, Redditch. Call 01905 728824.

## Cider plant plan

A CIDER-making plant employing up to 12 people could be built on the outskirts of Stourport.

Aston Manor Brewery is behind the proposal for the site in Sandy Lane, Titton. The factory would include a large fruit press within an existing industrial building to crush apples from the firm’s nearby orchards.

## Deal will see glass museum run by charity

A NEW £5 million museum promoting Stourbridge’s glass industry will be run by a leading heritage charity under a deal with developers.

Plans to transform the old Stuart Crystal glassworks, also known as the White House Glass Cone, into the new attraction are under way with a bid for European funding to kickstart the project.

Conservation charity the British Glass Foundation would eventually take over the running of the museum in Wordsley, from site owner Complex Developments Ltd.

Ltd. Under proposals, the ownership of Kingswinford’s Broadfield House Glass Museum would be transferred from Dudley Council to the charity as part of the deal.

A council report states Broadfield House would then be sold off by the British Glass Foundation to fund its takeover of the new museum.

Dudley Council’s director of the urban environment, John Millar, writing in the report said: “If successful the plan would be for Complex Developments Ltd to sell the new museum to the British Glass

Foundation, whilst the council’s only obligation would be to transfer Broadfield House to the BGF and allow them to dispose of the asset in order that the receipt could be used to fund the purchase of the new museum.”

He added: “There is an obligation on the British Glass Foundation to produce a robust business plan outlining how they would operate a new museum on the White House Glass Cone site and there could be a request for some council support in the initial period of its operation.”

Complex Developments director Ian Harrabin said the charity was “part of the funding process” as they look to secure £2 million from the European Regional Development Fund for the project.

Further grants are also being applied for from the Heritage Lottery Fund’s Heritage Enterprise scheme.

Campaigners fought to keep Broadfield House open three years ago after it was threatened with the axe under cost cutting proposals by the council.

## NEWS

### in brief

#### Chance to check out bridal venue

COPLES planning to tie the knot can take a tour of Himley Hall, near Dudley, at an open day to see if it would be their ideal wedding venue.

The picturesque hall, run by Dudley Council, is holding its open day on January 20, from 11am-4pm.

Himley Hall has two rooms licensed for civil ceremonies – the Pink Room, once the library of the Earls of Dudley, and the Green Room, originally the formal dining room.

#### Social club could be demolished

A FORMER social club in Kidderminster faces being pulled down after the theft of lead resulted in severe rain damage.

The old Ukrainian Club, Sion Hill, was set to be converted into two flats and a pair of houses after plans were approved by Wyre Forest District Council last year.

However, the applicant, Mr Tomkins, has now asked for permission to knock down the building.

Wyre Forest District Council will make a decision in the coming months.

#### Cancer charity wants 50 helpers

MARIE Curie Cancer Care is appealing for more than 50 people in Kidderminster and Stourport to help the charity’s annual daffodil collection.

The charity is recruiting volunteers to hand out the daffodil pin in return for donations in the town during March.

For more information Call 0117 942 7132 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil.

#### Cadets looking for new recruits

TEENAGERS can sign up to serve on a volunteer police cadet programme across Worcestershire.

West Mercia Police is looking for those aged between 16 and 17 who will be starting Year 12 this September to join up.

For more information Visit the force website westmercia.police.uk/policecadets for details.

#### New UKIP team

DUDLEY & Halesowen UKip held its AGM at the Courthouse pub in Dudley. A new team of post holders was selected, with Bill Etheridge becoming chairman.



Gary James is congratulated by colleagues Daren Taylor, Rob Kidd, Ashley Jones, Michael Higgs, Chris Beasley and Abby Wright, after his 500km ride

## Cycling grueller helps hit £40,000

CHARITY champion Gary James has walked the Great Wall of China, trekked in Peru and journeyed through Vietnam and Cambodia on his fundraising exploits.

For his latest challenge, he hopped on his bike for a gruelling 310-mile cycle ride through central America he smashed through the £40,000 barrier.

Mr James, who is a director at metal suppliers Alcomet Ltd in Kingswinford took nine days to complete the challenge last year.

His ride took him through Panama, Costa Rica and Nicaragua, to raise funds for children’s charity NSPCC.

Mr James said his challenge took him through stunning scenery from rainforests to the Caribbean coast. He said: “It was a tough trip involving high temperatures over rough terrain through primary rainforest, passing smoking volcanoes which meant climbing steep gradients.

“But it was a lifetime experience and I am really pleased to have travelled through three central American countries.”

He is now planning to take on cycling through Death Valley.

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"FASTER, higher, stronger" is the motto of the Olympic Games. It may need rewriting following a new debate about making darts an Olympic sport by 2020. Sir Clive Woodward, Team GB's director of sport, tweeted a few days ago: "Darts definitely an Olympic sport" So that's faster, higher, stronger – and fatter.

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TERMS to watch out for in 2013. "Cyber hygiene" is the responsible use of computers by individuals, companies, state departments and the military to prevent us from being overwhelmed by enemy powers.

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**IN TIME**, age catches up with even the coolest vocal chords. According to one gushing guru, the first David Bowie single for a decade, *Where Are We Now?* has "echoes of classic Bowie". It also has echoes of Clive Dunn warbling his way through Grandad.

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NAMED and shamed in a survey for its terrible customer relations, one high-street bank puts up a spokeswoman who trills blithely: "Improving the service we provide our customers remains our top priority." This is bunkum rolled in claptrap and served with a massive side order of whoppers, and the sheer brass-necked gall is breathtaking. As we all know full well, the top priority of any bank, to the exclusion of almost anything else, is making money. In pursuit of that aim, customers will be deceived in their millions and staff will be sacked in their thousands. I am reminded of the cartoon about a company which once boasted: "Our members of staff are our most precious asset" but then conducted an audit and repositioned the staff just below the paperclips.

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**OUR changing language.** David Cameron declares that the Coalition has "a full tank of gas". This is England, not New England. We don't run cars on gas. Whatever happened to petrol?

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I REFERRED recently to us "sad old souls" who enjoy spotting the errors in period dramas. A soulmate writes to tell me his finest hour came in Heartbeat, set at the time of the Torrey Canyon oil-spill disaster. The oil tanker ran aground in March 1967 but a car tax disc in the same episode was dated December 1969. Double Ovatines all round.

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**WE are told** that Jeffrey John, Dean of St Albans, is front-runner to become Britain's first gay bishop. He fits the latest criteria announced by the Church because he is in a civil partnership with another priest but insists the relationship is celibate. If this is the truth (and who can doubt the word of a man of God?) then Jeffrey John and his partner are not gay in any meaningful sense. They are merely long-term friends living together. And if they are allowed the tax breaks and inheritance rights that go with civil partnership, then why are other long-term friends who live together denied the right to have civil partnerships?

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"THANKS to the internet it is now possible to be extremely well informed and completely wrong at the same time." Emailer's comment to a motoring DIY website.

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# Action call to improve ailing school

Action is being taken to improve a school in Dudley which has been in special measures since July 2012.

A local councillor will visit Government education officials in a bid to find a solution to turn it around.

Priory Primary School is failing to meet expected standards in teaching and pupil achievements following a period of three years during which it has had three different headteachers.

The school was graded 'inadequate' and placed in special measures following an Ofsted report last July.

Since then, Dudley Council has replaced the Limes Road school's governing body with an interim executive board. But Ofsted inspectors who returned in December found pupils' achievements to be still very low and little improvement

in teaching. This week, the council's education cabinet member Councillor Tim Crumpton will meet the office of the Secretary of State for Education to see what further options there may be to improve the school.

Councillor Crumpton said: "We can't afford for a school to fail its pupils, it has not been doing well and it needs sorting out." He added:

"We need to get something in place which provides the school with stability and cement its long-term future. I have no magic wand, this will take time – we need to look at all possible resources we can bring in to support the school. Acting headteacher Jill Bennett took over the school following the departure of Liz Riley, who left following the Ofsted report last July."

# Dancing gran steps in to support Hippodrome

**A SALSA dancing great-gran from Dudley has added her support to the campaign to save Dudley Hippodrome from demolition.**

Paddy Jones, who won fans globally after being on a Spanish version of Britain's Got Talent wants the former theatre to be restored. Dudley Council has plans to demolish the building.

It has been empty since previous owners Gala Bingo closed it in 2009.

The 77-year-old founder member of Stourbridge Pantomime Company performed twice at the Castle Hill venue and says she still has fond memories.

Mrs Jones, who gave up dancing aged 22, ran a shop in Stourbridge before moving to Spain in 2001 where she returned to her hobby.

The great-grandmother, who performs worldwide with dance partner Nicko Espinosa, said: "I appeared in Jack and the Beanstalk at Dudley Hippodrome when I was 12 and then again when I was 14 or 15.

### Shame

"It's a well-known building in Dudley and it would be a real shame if it was to be pulled down. And to replace it with a car park would be very sad to see. I really hope it stays."

The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group have a business plan for a community theatre to host West End-style shows and workshops. Dudley Council is looking at it with independent experts. There is still no date for the demolition application to be heard by councillors.

Council plans for a car park replacing the building were downsized from 120-spaces to 92 including disabled parking bays.

Deputy council leader, Councillor Shaukat Ali, also regeneration chief, said they were awaiting the response from the experts.

They can then apply for a grant towards projects costing up to £15,000, with them providing 55 per cent of the cost and the rest coming from the fund.

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## Public to have a say on funds



Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones meets Chief Supt Stuart Johnson

THE new Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands has pledged the public will get a say on where money for policing is spent.

Bob Jones visited Brierley Hill Police Station to meet senior police officers including Supt Stuart Johnson, who highlighted anti-social behaviour as one of the key issues residents cared about.

Mr Jones, who stepped down as a Wolverhampton Labour councillor to take the £100,000-a-year post, said: "One of my key

jobs in this role is to listen to the public and ensure the money is spent tackling issues they most care about.

"By talking to police officers, engaging with partnering agencies and listening to the public, I intend to do just that." Mr Jones is tasked with setting the police budget and policing priorities for the next five years for each of the wards within the West Midlands, including Dudley.

Before making the decision, he will consult with community leaders.

## Proceeds of crime go to aid a charity

A community group for adults with mental health difficulties in the Black Country is to benefit from a share cash confiscated from criminals.

The Woodside Crafts charity in Netherton has been awarded £500 under the Proceeds of Crime Act by West Midlands Police.

Illegal earnings and possessions of criminals are confiscated and passed on to the community.

The cash will help the group at Woodside Day Centre, make their own crafts and sell them to the public.

Pcso Craig Dawson said: "I am so happy this group have secured funding from the act.

"The charity really does have a positive impact and without this funding, they would struggle to continue to supply the group with materials."

## Legal eagles make £5.5m

A BLACK Country solicitors made a record turnover of £5.5 million last year, despite tough economic conditions.

QualitySolicitors Talbots, which has offices in Wolverhampton, Dudley, Codsall, Kidderminster and Stourbridge, saw an 8.3 per cent growth in revenue in 2012.

Martyn Morgan, the firm's senior partner, said: "We are delighted with this performance given the tough market conditions and general economic climate."

"I believe our combined success is down to our staff – they provide expert advice and deliver an excellent level of service."

## Homes backed

FIVE houses and 14 flats will be built on a former industrial site near Attwood Street, off Lye High Street, near Stourbridge, after outline planning approval was agreed.

Dudley Council supported plans to redevelop the site.

## Plans for store

STOURBRIDGE Institute Social Club has applied to Dudley Council for planning permission to build a beer store at the front of the building in Market Street.

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## Firm looks for former employees

HALESOWEN engineering firm Thompson Friction Welding wants to trace former staff to join in a 50th anniversary celebration this spring.

It is holding a party at Dudley's Black Country Living Museum in May to mark the 50th anniversary of its first-ever friction weld. The firm is keen to reunite workers from its headquarters in Halesowen and also from its original site in Ettingshall when it was known as John Thompson.

The John Thompson boiler making business was established in Highfields, near Bilston in the 1830s.

Thompson Friction Welding started by producing friction welding equipment for joining reinforced wire products used in nuclear power reactors before making machines for manufacturing parts for trucks, construction machines and exploration tools. More than 90 per cent of equipment made at its factory in Heward Rise is exported to Europe, Asia and the Americas. Thompson employs 90 and has an annual turnover of around £25 million.

Former staff who wish to attend the party can email sales@thompson.co.uk or call Charlotte Mackie on 0121 585 0888.

## MP calling to musicians

A MIDLANDS MP is calling for musicians to enter a competition at the House of Commons.

Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier, MP and two other judges will nominate their favourites from each of five categories, after which a panel of music industry experts will pick the finalists. A live battle of the bands will take place on the balcony of the House of Commons on June 26.

The categories are solo artist, band, under-19 solo artist, under-19 band, and best small live music venue.

Deadline for applications is March 1. Mr Garnier said: "Rock the House is an opportunity for aspiring artists of any to find a way into the industry."

## Change for store

A FORMER clothing store in Dudley high street is to be reopened as a bookmakers.

The Millets store near the junction with Wolverhampton Street and Union Street has stood closed for more than two years. High street bookmaker BetFred will take over the premises.

# Chance to speak out on important issues

HERE'S your chance to speak out about the important issues that affect your life – from bins and buses to policing and pensions.

All this week the Express & Star is asking readers to take part in the Your Say survey, the biggest ever independent snapshot of life in the West Midlands and Staffordshire. And it is not too late to take part.

All 50 questions will be reprinted in Saturday's Express & Star – and you can also take part at a click of a button by logging onto [www.expressandstar.com/survey](http://www.expressandstar.com/survey).

The Express & Star is asking you for your views on everything from how cuts have



affected services in your area to where you choose to do your shopping or enjoy a pint down the pub. It wants to hear from as many readers as possible so that it can paint an accurate picture of you, your views and your concerns as we enter 2013. The consultation will build on the success of last year's pioneering Express & Star Black Country

Census, which gave a valuable insight into the identity of the region, past and present, and attracted around 2,000 responses.

Split into five sections, the Your Say survey concentrates on Your Services, Your Towns, Your Transport, Your Safety and Your Well-Being.

Express & Star editor Adrian Faber said: "We are hoping to create a valuable snapshot of life in this region as we enter 2013. We hope the findings of the survey will provide an insight into the priorities and concerns of our readers, something that service providers like councils and the police will take notice of. An essential role of the

Express & Star is to give readers a voice and we want that voice to be as powerful as possible."

The Your Say survey has been welcomed by those who help to make the decisions that affect our region Ian Austin, Labour MP for Dudley North, said: "This is a brilliant initiative for the Express & Star and I have no doubt that councillors, MPs and the people running public services will be watching the results very carefully."

"This is exactly the sort of thing a community newspaper should be doing – listening to local people and highlighting their opinions on the things they care about."

## NEWS

### in brief

#### Fundraisers are sent a big thanks

STAFF at a hospice have thanked fundraisers who dressed up as Father Christmas for an annual event as the donations pour in.

Mary Stevens Hospice, based in Stourbridge, hope to raise around £20,000 when final figures are counted in the coming weeks.

More than 600 Santas gathered in Mary Stevens Park last month to take part in the family fun run.

Kinver Rotary Sleigh also travelled down the mall bringing Father Christmas to see some of the children taking part in the run.

#### Police examine footage of raid

A RENEWED appeal has been made for information about an armed robber who stole thousands of pounds in a bank raid in Dudley.

He is believed to have used a concealed weapon when he threatened staff at the Royal Bank of Scotland on at 10.15 on Christmas Eve morning.

Police have been examining CCTV footage of the raid.

#### Entrepreneurs are back in business

THE entrepreneurs who started the Julian Graves chain are back in business with 10 health food stores now open and run from a Black Country base.

JG Foods, which has its distribution centre at The Pensnett Estate, Kingswinford, sells dried fruits, nuts and confectionery at its Grape Tree branded outlets around the country. More than 30 people are employed so far.

#### Club planning to demolish block

PLANS to demolish a storage block at Stourbridge Institute Social Club have been lodged.

The proposals to flatten the timber structure at the premises in Market Street have been submitted to Dudley Council.

The temporary building will be replaced with a permanent one under the plans. A decision is expected to be made by planners in the next three months.

#### Philosophy talk

HALESOWEN Library's Shenstone Theatre is holding its first free philosophy talk of the year on January 30 at 5.45pm.

# Removal of Cavendish House will be a milestone, says MP

THE demolition of an eyesore office block alongside a main route into Dudley will mark a milestone in the regeneration of the town, according to developers and the Dudley North MP.

Calls for Cavendish House, a former Inland Revenue office block, to be redeveloped have been made since the last workers left the building five years ago. The block off Trindall Road and overlooking Dudley Southern Bypass has been boarded up following vandalism attacks.

Security and insurance costs for the building were thought to be around £250,000 a year.

But now plans to tear down the offices to create a supermarket bringing 300 jobs and an estimated £44 million turnover have been approved by the council.

Multi-million regeneration projects which are hoping to boost tourism to the town's top attractions including Dudley Zoo and modern learning campus for Dudley College are already under way.

The scheme includes major refurbishments of Dudley Zoological Gardens and The Dudley Canal Trust.

#### Strategy

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said he hoped these developments were the start of "big changes" in the town.

"For too long things have moved too slowly and I've been saying for years that we need a new strategy to bring more shoppers, tourists and businesses to Dudley," he said.

"But the plans for Cavendish House, the zoo and the college are very encouraging and show things are moving in the right direction."

Dudley Council's planning committee approved the redevelopment of the site by developer Cavendish Quarter Properties at a meeting last week.

The building faced several stalled development plans including being transformed into a 150-room hotel.

## Talk about the Earl

THE life and times of the Earl of Dudley will be the topic for the next lecture at the Black Country Society. Society president Dr Trevor Raybould will speak on The Earl of Dudley's life between 1835-1885, at the Black Country Living Museum, from 7.30pm on January 23.

## Fear over safety ban on dolls



Stephen and Tammy McMullon, of Quarry Bank, were shocked to find two fruit head dolls for their one year old daughter, Skye-Lilly, are subject to a ban

A MOTHER was horrified after discovering two dolls bought in the Black Country for her one-year-old child are subject to a European-wide ban.

Tammy McMullon, aged 23, of Quarry Bank, had happily let her daughter Skye-Lilly play with the two colourful fruit head dolls before finding out about the ban on the internet. She found a warning message from

trading standards officers in Blackpool who describe the toys as "dangerous" because of a chemical phthalate. Mrs McMullon, of Robin Hood Road, Quarry Bank, said the toys were bought from a stall in the region by her mother Lisa Chetkowski-Randell and her husband Stephen's grandmother Edna Hill. She said: "I was horrified when I found out. Anyone with concerns can call 08454 040 506.

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## NEWS

# Bid to give High Street revamp to boost trade

REFURBISHED footpaths, public art installations and new planting are among plans for a revamp of High Street in Quarry Bank.

Councillors want to boost businesses along the main road by improving the shopping experience. Calls have long been made for a regeneration scheme to revamp the street, near the Merry Hill shopping centre. Deputy council leader Shaukat Ali, the authority's regeneration boss, has now announced details for a consultation.

Residents will be able to raise ideas on what improvements they would like to see.

Public art and newly planted trees along the street close to shops are thought to be ways to help brighten surroundings.

Councillor Ali said: "I'm confident that the local community and businesses will want to find out more about these early proposals and take the chance to share their views with us."

"As a listening council we really value the input of our residents and we know that taking on board their aspirations and opinions serves to strengthen any future funding applications that we make."

A nature trail could also be created in the grounds of Christ Church, in High Street. The church is already undergoing its own revamp. Parishioners celebrated the completion of a £12,000 scheme to improve the church entrance and restore brass in the building. The public consultation will be held at Quarry Bank Community Centre, from January 19 to February 2 in Sheffield Street.

## Pay day from the girls



Back from left, Chris Porter, Karen Whittingham, Sandra Pope and Maria Lodge with, front from left, Liz Sparke, Philippa Jones and Kaye Senior

## Quitting is on the cards

CARDS telling Worcestershire smokers where they can get help to quit are being distributed among shops and businesses.

Worcestershire's assistant director of public health, Frances Howie said: "We are distributing contact cards in areas where we know there is a higher prevalence of smoking." The cards feature a helpline 01905 363 909 and [www.stopsmokingworcestershire.nhs.uk](http://www.stopsmokingworcestershire.nhs.uk).

54. In 1999, Angela Baker and her friends from Yorkshire's Rylstone and District WI decided to pose nude for a fundraising calendar.

Stourbridge Theatre Company has presented a cheque for £8,500 to Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research.

The work of the original Calendar Girls is dedicated to the memory of John Baker who died from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 1998 aged 54.

Philippa Jones, regional manager for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research, said: "It is fantastic to see the fundraising legacy of the Calendar Girls live on through the work of amateur theatre companies such as Stourbridge Theatre Company."



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## LETTERS

# How the cuts are made is crucial

I THINK David Cameron's "problem" lies not in persuading the public savings need to be made but how they are made.

The arguments for slashing benefits and essential services has not been won. The welfare budget may account for one third of national spending and that is too high.

However, instead of removing benefits which represent little more than spare change for the very wealthy—I am thinking of free bus passes; the winter fuel allowance and in extreme cases the old age pension – this government is taking money from those who have least to start with in real terms.

Show was a shining example of dedication

I HAD the privilege of attending the Dormston School, Sedgley, on Tuesday December 11 and was entertained with music, drama and some excellent poems and verse, spoken by the teaching staff, it was brilliant.

The whole show must have taken so much effort by the staff and boys and girls who performed; such dedication.

We hear so much adverse comments about young people today, and it is very refreshing to see these young ones put in such a special effort.

My granddaughter Courtney took park, which made me very proud. Thank you everyone concerned.

A brilliant New Year to you.

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## LETTERS to the Editor

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## Pleas over murder alleyway 'ignored'

I WAS disappointed but not surprised to read that the efforts by Sedgley residents to have the council take action over the alleyway where Shana Watson was murdered had fallen on deaf ears.

Some months ago I attended a Pact meeting at Dormston School, Sedgley. Over a hundred people were in attendance and the voices from the crowd were often passionate in their calls for action. Not everybody wanted the alley closed, some people wanted CCTV or better lighting. The only thing that nobody wanted was for the council to do nothing.

I actually spoke out and told the Sedgley councillors in attendance that the status quo was not an option.

Only the night before I had attended another meeting where one of the same Sedgley councillors had assured the room there was no problem with gangs or violence in Sedgley. An astonishing claim for anybody who is aware of the difficulties experienced by small businesses and residents in parts of the village plagued by gangs and yobbish behaviour.

**BILL ETHERIDGE**, Sedgley, Dudley

This cannot be fair and will undermine all of the other initiatives rightly taken by the coalition upon weeding out benefit cheats because welfare reform in its current guise will not only punish those guilty of abusing the system but will also punish the genuine claimant.

This will cause resentment and serve to alienate those genuinely unable to earn a living in the conventional sense. A case in point is a relative of mine. He is 58 worked most of his life. He did have a spell of three years on sick pay following a very bad accident but until last August had worked constantly for 29 years. His pay was never substantial

but he raised a family and paid his way. He has little savings but owes no one anything. Now he is unemployed and work is difficult to find if you are unskilled and the wrong side of 50 but instead of getting support he will have to pay £50 a month for the spare bedroom in his house and face a real terms cut in his benefit from April. I believe most people view such things as profoundly unfair particularly when government is giving tax breaks to millionaires.

**E SHAW**  
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Alternative to putting squeeze on us all

DUDLEY Council has another option for raising revenue apart from squeezing council tax payers.

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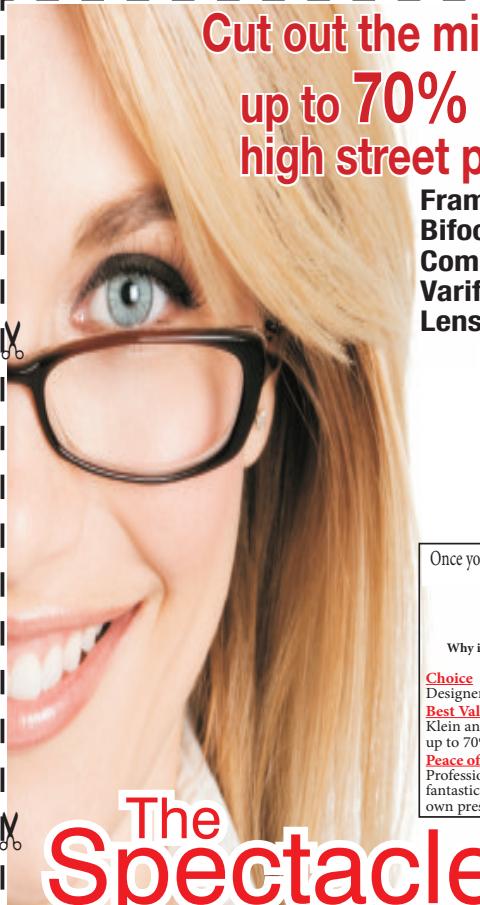
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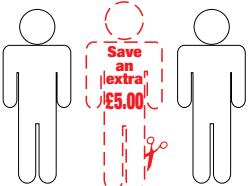


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## NEWS

# Cyclist Paul to saddle up again after fight for life

A CYCLIST who nearly died after a head-on crash in France has pledged to battle back from his horrendous injuries to have another go at tackling the arduous mountain bike ride.

Paul Greaves, a Peso, wants another go at Mont Ventoux – the iconic mountain on the Tour de France route – to face his "demons".

Mr Greaves, 37, from Stourbridge, was practising for a charity ride on Mont Ventoux in September when he was hit by a van, leaving him in a coma for three days.

The bone structure in his right shoulder was totally smashed and he may never regain the use of his arm.

Paul, PC Gareth Harrison, a 41-year-old traffic officer from Kidderminster, and Barry Tyson, also 41, a Gloucestershire train driver, had arrived in France to cycle three routes around the steep Mont Ventoux for the Stillborn and Neonatal Death Society, Sands.

"I hit a truck," said Paul. "I was flown to hospital in Marseilles and had a bleed on the brain so they put me in a coma for three days."

His wife, Jayne, a 37-year-old security manager at The Waterfront, Brierley Hill, flew out to Marseilles and 10 days later he was flown to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital, where surgeons grafted a length of nerve from his left leg to try to repair some of the damage to his scapula.

His aim is to return to Mont Ventoux with an adapted bike.

"It's to face my demons," said Paul, who also hopes to return to work soon.



Paul Greaves from Stourbridge, who was in a coma after his crash

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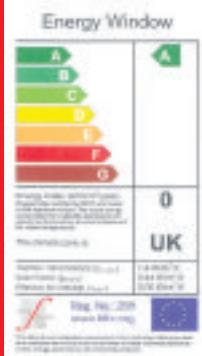
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## NEWS

**Mike's animal magic**

**Mike Grace, aged 48, who has landed his dream job with Dudley Zoological Gardens**

A FORMER museum and art gallery worker has swapped high culture for the animal world.

Mike Grace, aged 48, was made redundant from his maintenance job at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery last year after 22 years of service.

But 2013 has brought him a new job – full-time work at Dudley Zoo's busy maintenance department.

Mr Grace said: "I have always been passionate about animal welfare, and I have always felt at ease around animals. I am just so delighted to have landed a full time job at DZG, it's just the most fantastic news." Redundancy had allowed Mr Grace to indulge his passion for animals by volunteering at the zoo.

He said: "It was a shock to be made redundant after all that time, but I jumped at the chance to do some voluntary work at the zoo."

After his six-month stint of volunteering, his bosses were so impressed that they did not want to lose him. Curator Matt Lewis said: "Mike is extremely conscientious and he really enjoys his work."

# £10m plans for town are welcomed by boss of zoo

THE boss of Dudley Zoo has welcomed a major step in the regeneration of Castle Hill after plans were submitted for a £10.1million project to link all three of the town's biggest tourist attractions.

by Heather Large

A single point of access will be created for the zoo, Dudley Canal Trust and the Black Country Living Museum under the proposals aimed at boosting visitor numbers.

A shared car park offering 600-spaces will be created, along with a new visitor entrance for the zoo.

An attractive piazza, built at the back of the existing car park, will welcome families and there will be animal sculptures and seating for visitors to relax.

Dudley Zoo's chief executive Peter Sudcock said the project was a welcome boost.

"Our customers constantly remind us this area offers both their first and last view of Dudley," he added.

"And thus providing a new entrance leading directly from our car park

to the zoo site will greatly enhance the visitor experience," added Mr Sudcock.

The work follows completion of the new access road off Tipton Road, which is next to the new archive centre.

New entrances will also be created off the access road for the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust.

## Summer

Proposals for the redevelopment have been submitted by the council and work could start on creating the projects by early summer.

Cabinet member for regeneration Councillor Shaukat Ali said: "This next stage of the planning process for Castle Hill is an exciting one and forms a brand new chapter for all of the visitor attractions on the site."

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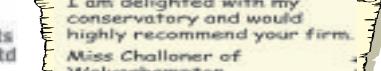
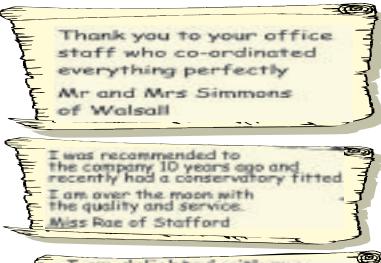
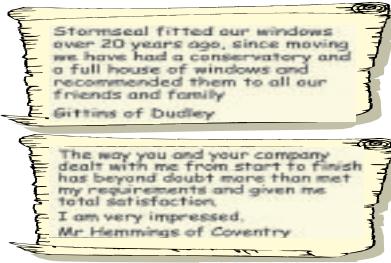
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## NEWS

# Church cash call so path of love can run smoothly

## Daughter's mountain trek



Sue Boex will do on a charity fundraising trek in memory of her father

A DAUGHTER will be trekking in the Atlas Mountains, inspired by her father, to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

Sue Boex, aged 66, of Wrekin Drive, Stourbridge, said she was inspired to plan the trek after her father Philip's battle with the disease. In 2008 she walked in the

Himalayas, raising £4,000 and in 2011 could be found in the Sinai Desert. She said: "I'm getting on a bit – it will be challenging."

Mrs Boex hopes to do her trek in Morocco in September to raise at least £2,500.

Her website for donations is [www.justgiving.com/Sue-Boex1](http://www.justgiving.com/Sue-Boex1).

## Sounds like recent history

A LOCAL history talk entitled "Sounds of the Decades: the 1950s" will be held at Kingswinford Library on February 13 at 2.30pm.

A CHURCH in Kingswinford has launched an appeal to raise thousands to fund urgent footpath repairs ahead of its busy wedding season.

More than 30 weddings have been booked so far for this year at St Mary's Church, which is the oldest in Dudley borough, and leaders are keen for the churchyard to be looking its best.

But the pathways in the grounds are in desperate need of refurbishment after becoming riddled with ruts.

The church is responsible for maintaining them and needs to raise around £11,000 to cover the cost of the repair work.

It's hoped the work can get under way in the spring.

Around £2,000 has already been donated towards the work but now church members have launched The Tarmac Appeal to raise some of the remainder. Applications are also being made for some grant funding.

Church treasurer Mike Penn said: "It is hoped the money can be raised quickly so the work can be done in the spring in time for the new season of weddings at the church.

"Church members have given huge amounts of money to the restoration fund over recent years. In partnership with our friends in the local community we hope we can do this next job quickly."

Churchwarden Mary Thompson added: "With over 30 weddings already booked in for 2013 we hope we can relay our pathways quickly, and thus get rid of the puddles that build up after a shower."

During the past five years the church has carried out an extensive restoration programme. Anyone who can help should call the organisers on 01384 270806.

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But the future of the pub trade was centre stage in Parliament last week as MPs debated Labour proposals to regulate PubCos – the big chains of pubs which account for the majority in the UK.

The problem is that PubCos locks tenants and licensees into an often unfair relationship where their freedom to choose what beer they put on at what price and a range of other important decisions are taken out of the hands of the people actually running the pub.

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In an effort to deal with this problem Labour brought forward proposals which would aim to create a more level playing field and ensure tenants and licensees have more freedom.

Amongst the proposals I voted in favour of last Wednesday was the crucial right of tenants to choose between a tied and a non-tied option so they can buy beer on the open market.



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I also think we need to see Government action to cap the cost of credit and I'm going to talk to the council to see what more can be done to promote this.

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#### Holocaust

Every year on January 27 the world marks Holocaust Memorial Day.

I am again organising a commemoration service in Dudley and this year we have the honour of being joined by Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke who was born in the Mauthausen Concentration camp in 1945.

We will also have contributions from local faith and civic leaders including the Bishop of Dudley and the Mayor, as well as school children who have visited Auschwitz.

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**WORDSLEY 'M' TWG**

THE December meeting was opened by chairman of the day Wendy Lloyd.

In the Federation report, members were asked if they would be interested in an afternoon concert at the Birmingham Symphony Hall and a show at Malvern in late spring.

The 'Prize Every Time' chocolates stall at the Wordsley Community Centre Christmas Bazaar on November 24 was a success.

The next lunch club meeting will be on February 4 at The Swan, Kingswinford. Garden/coffee mornings will resume in the early spring.

Pat Kilver was congratulated on her Golden Wedding anniversary.

This year, at every meeting, a sales table of books, unwanted gifts would be very welcome to add revenue to the funds to cover speakers and other expenses.

Wendy introduced the entertainers for our Christmas social, a group of belly dancers.

Information was given about Macular Degeneration Society, a cause the group supports. A bring and share early buffet lunch followed.

The next group meeting will be on Monday February 18, a 'Quiz and Natter' with subscriptions of £25 due.

The guild meets every third Monday at Wordsley Green Community Centre at 10am.



**Barbara Marshall was a guest at the last meeting, talking about the Burntwood Tapestry**

**BONEY HAY AND CHASE TERRACE WI**

THE new year began with a visit from the talented Barbara Marshall. Barbara has been a welcome visitor several times during last year and it was a pleasure to see her again.

Her topic this time was 'The Burntwood Tapestry', which can be seen at Burntwood Library.

This work was designed by Barbara and with some help from a small number of needleworkers, a beautiful picture was made. In the centre of the tapestry is depicted the Coat of Arms for Chasetown which is surrounded by pictures of many sights in and around Burntwood, some of which are sadly now gone. Beaudesert Hall which was sold in 1921 was taken from a very old photograph and shows a very large and imposing house which was the home of the Marquis of Anglesey.

Another large house stands at Edial built in the 16th century, where in 1909 Dr Samuel Johnson held his school for a year with a total of three pupils.

Hammerwich Cottage Hospital was built in 1881 and maintained by the miners who contributed two-pence per week for the upkeep. It is now closed and the ground covered with houses. There are several churches depicted, one of which is St Annes in Chasetown, noted for being the first church in England to be lit by electricity.

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Chasetown is now demolished and a new building stands on Lichfield Road, Burntwood. There are scenes of Chasewater, and windmills in Hammerwich and Gentleshaw.

## Everyone a winner at raffle

THE December meeting was a very festive affair, the room festooned with streamers and tables laden with a buffet and desserts. Some 45 members attended.

The chairman gave seasonal greeting to everyone, including guests Malcolm Hewitt and Jean Hadley. Malcolm thanked the

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5,000 blankets and £16,500 in donations over the last year.

The evening ended with a bumper raffle, as everyone was a winner.

The first 2013 meeting is at The British Legion on February 7 with Fiona Lucas talking about her hobby of collecting tea towels.

**NEWS****Walking in moonlight**

AN annual charity moonlit walk for women will be held this summer for a hospice in Stourbridge.

The Moonlight Memories walk starts from Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club, in Swindon Road, Wall Heath.

The 6.5 mile event is on May 11 with funds raised going to Mary Stevens Hospice. Walkers can gather from 7pm for a warm up at 7.30pm.

Registration is £12. Walkers must be over 12 and anyone under 16 must have an adult with them. Visit [www.marystevenshospice.co.uk](http://www.marystevenshospice.co.uk) or call 01384 377778.



Construction has reached the halfway mark

THE multi-million pound archives project in Dudley which has now reached the half-way mark and is on track to be completed this summer.

External cladding on the £6 million building, near the Black Country Living Museum on Tipton Road, is almost complete.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, said: "The exciting work to create an archives centre in Dudley, that we are sure will be the envy of others, is gathering pace all the time."

"We have now reached the half-way stage of the development work as construction started last summer and is on schedule to be completed this summer."

"As well as housing the borough's archives, once open, the new centre will provide IT and wireless services, education and conference rooms, a rare books library and a research room."

The centre is being built by Midland's contractor GF Tomlinson and is being part funded by the European Regional Development Fund, as part of the wider redevelopment of the Castle Hill area of Dudley.

Once the building is finished, Dudley Council's archives service will relocate from its building, in Mount Pleasant, Coseley.

When the new one opens it will also be used to store documents for neighbouring Sandwell Council.

**Prizes plan for the right rubbish to boost recycling**

RADICAL plans to encourage more people to recycle have been unveiled – including entering rubbish into raffles for the chance to win prizes.

Children will add a 'guilt factor' for parents as bins will be handing out school vouchers to every home correctly separating its waste.

It is part of plans by Wolverhampton City Council to make use of a £2.68 million government grant.

The cash, offered to ensure there will always be weekly bin collections, is being used to get more people to put recyclable rubbish into the correct bin.

It comes after Dudley Council was also awarded £1.8m to continue emptying bins every week. Environment councillor Tracy

Wood said the money will be spent on increasing the amount of recycling collections in the borough.

The council is planning to spend the money on extra vehicles, boxes, bags and staff in order to roll out the plastic bottle and cardboard recycling trial to all households in the borough.

Under plans in Wolverhampton, residents would be sent stickers to put on recyclable rubbish such as cardboard boxes. Items would then be selected at random from the council's processing plant in Southampton and prizes handed out.

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Graham Gough's award-winning photograph of Princess Alexandra stuck in the mud at the Three Counties Show



One of Graham Gough's pictures taken during race riots in Dudley



Jared Watkins at 18 months old proves he's no dummy with the darts

## How Graham captured history on his camera

A FORMER Press photographer has gathered up a collection of his work taken during his time working in newspapers to create a chronicle of the region's history.

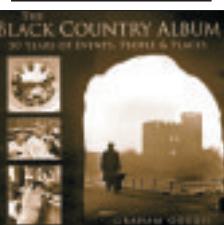
The unique collection of black and white pictures taken by Graham Gough, aged 73, from Kinver, in 50 years on local papers has been published in The Black Country Album.

Each chapter covers the different people, animals and celebrities he met in his patch in Dudley as well as all the big incidents he covered during his 26 years with the *Chronicle's* sister paper, the *Express & Star*.

The first chapter looks at the big news stories he photographed, including the Dudley race riots, fires, regional floods, rail accidents and even some rather risqué pictures of a male stripper bearing all.

Large parts of the book focus on

by Tom Mason



local people and heroes, including a number of early pictures of Black Country funny man Lenny Henry performing for class mates in his Dudley school soon after his first television appearance on New Faces in 1974.

The West Midlands has had its fair share of royal visits and Graham was present for many of them.

His picture of Princess Alexandra stuck in the mud at the Three Counties Show, Malvern, in June 1977, won National Royal Picture of the Year award.

One of the final chapters focuses on what Graham loves photographing best, children and animals and features lots of them doing weird and wonderful things.

With his time mainly spent in Dudley, Graham spent plenty of time capturing the wildlife at the town's famous zoo.

But it wasn't just the exotic that he captured. Some of his more interesting pictures are of sheep at a bar and a dog in a tuba.

One of the more intriguing pictures in the book is that of Jared Watkins, of Sledmere estate, Dudley, who at the age of just 18 months could throw darts as well as Phil 'The Power' Taylor.

Copies of The Black Country Album can be snapped up from [www.thehistorypress.com](http://www.thehistorypress.com) or Amazon.co.uk or high street stores such as Waterstones and W H



Lenny Henry was a guest on the Black and White Minstrels when Graham persuaded him to paint his face



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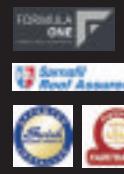
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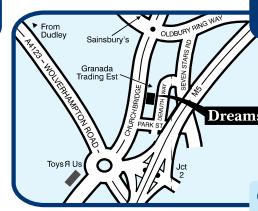


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# Support leading to success for school

LAST year saw quite possibly the most exciting 12 months yet at the Coseley School.

GCSE results in the summer saw a massive 87 per cent achieve five A\*-C, placing Coseley 11th in the borough of Dudley.

High quality, enthusiastic teaching is of paramount importance in improving students' learning and achievements.

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## Expectations

High aspirations and raised expectations have contributed greatly to the progress made by students of all levels of ability and the strong tutor system ensures students receive the appropriate care and guidance. Students have a positive attitude to learning and are proud of their school.

Many students will have benefitted from early examination entry and successfully gained GCSEs by the time they reach the end of Year 10.

A great example of this is Michael Webb who is an extremely gifted mathematician. He achieved A\* at GCSE maths in Year 8, passed additional maths in Year 9 and is on the way to achieving his AS level in Year 10.

A team of student mediators has been set

up and the key role for this team is intervention work where other students have difficulties or problems, whether with school work or personally.

This mentoring and support is proving a great asset to the school.

There is also a team of gifted students helping others with their reading. These reading buddies will work with all age groups.

This term has also seen the opening of a purpose built 'reading shack' which provides a relaxed and informal setting for those wishing to read independently. Partic-

ularly for boys, it's not always perceived as 'cool' to read and so this shack provides a space to do so away from the crowd.

The school continues to have strong links with partner primary schools and has worked with a number of them offering enrichment activities and workshops, therefore promoting a more joined up transition for pupils moving into Year 7 at Coseley.

Pupils from local primary schools enjoyed a visit to the school pantomime 'The Wizard of Oz' this year.

This very entertaining show was sold out

for both nights and received rapturous applause from an enthusiastic audience.

Coseley is proud to be a community school working hard to enable both students and local residents to benefit from the many opportunities on offer.

This was never better demonstrated than prior to the Olympics when a huge community event celebrated the passing of the torch relay.

This was a very successful day which really brought the local people and the school closer together.



Student mediators have been an asset, supporting pupils and raising standards



Tom Paskin, assistant head boy, at the awards day



Hannah England of Team GB athletics team at London 2012 was on hand to present awards at a recent event

## New motto sets stage for 2013 academic year

THE Olympic theme continued at Coseley during an awards evening when the guest of honour was Hannah England who was a successful member of Team GB athletics at London 2012.

She is recognised as one of the country's best female athletes and is an inspirational role model to the younger generation showing that hard work and dedication do bring rewards.

Headteacher Mrs A Elwiss said: "This very special evening celebrated the successes and achievements of all our students across the wide spectrum of subjects offered here at The Coseley School."

The school is rightly proud of all its' students and the new motto 'Believe, Achieve, Excel' is a reflection of the way forward as it moves into 2013.

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£30,000 for research on how arthritis hits families

A HEALTH psychologist has won a £30,000 grant to help her research into arthritis and its effect on families.

Elizabeth Hale, based at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, hopes to produce educational information for children after charity Arthritis Research UK made the grant to find out what kind of information could be useful to seven-11-year-olds with a parent affected by inflammatory arthritis.

Miss Hale will collaborate with University of Leicester colleagues to build on research suggesting that adults with arthritis find it difficult to speak to their children about the condition.

Developing educational resources may help children better understand their parents' condition and empower them to ask questions that they might otherwise be nervous about asking, said Miss Hale, who will conduct research over two years.

# Wife's tribute after fall death of husband, 56

**THE wife of a Kidderminster man who died after falling from the porch roof while removing Christmas decorations today paid tribute to her "thoughtful and romantic" husband.**

John Kershaw, aged 56, was knocked unconscious after he fell 10ft from his porch roof and landed headfirst on concrete shortly before 10.30am on Saturday. Mr Kershaw, of Lea Bank Avenue, suffered head injuries. He was flown to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham at about 11.30am after being found by his wife's son, Jonathan Doughty, who called emergency services.

Mr Kershaw's wife, Wendy, 47, said the family was told by doctors to prepare for the worst. "It was a waiting game," she said. "They said we should prepare ourselves."

"My mum came down with all the family. "He died last night and it had just started snowing. John loved the snow. He sent it to me."

"He didn't drink, he didn't smoke and he didn't deserve this. He was one of the best. He'll never be forgotten."

Mrs Kershaw said that she had told her husband not to go up on the porch roof because she was concerned it was slippery.

She said that she would remember her husband as a "thoughtful and romantic"

man who was "like a second father" to her two children, Jonathan, 24, and Steven Doughty, 21.

She added: "I still can't believe he's gone. "He was so young. He was such a thoughtful and romantic man."

"He loved his Xbox. He was a very capable person and a real perfectionist."

"We are all very proud of him."

"He was well loved, a pillar of strength and he'd do anything for anybody," she added.

Mr Kershaw, who was a director at Stourport-based company Hillendale caravans.

He also leaves a sister, Joyce Clark, 62, nephew, David Clark, 39, and niece Kate Clark, 31.

By Will Ackerman

## Crime commissioner hits back on deputy

WORCESTERSHIRE'S new police and crime commissioner hit back at calls for him to go after two months in the post.

A motion of no confidence in Bill Longmore and his deputy Barrie Sheldon is being sought by the Labour group on Worcestershire County Council on Thursday. They are unhappy about him appointing Mr Sheldon, his election agent, as his £50,000-a-year deputy, against police and crime commissioner panel advice.

Mr Longmore said most Commissioners had made deputy or assistant appointments by personal selection. The process he followed was lawful and proper, although the panel would have preferred he had an open process.

He added: "The body charged with scrutinising my actions, the Police and Crime Panel, which has been critical also of my choice of Deputy, supported the view that a Deputy was necessary. I totally refute the allegation, which some have made that my choice of Mr Sheldon was because of long-held friendship and not based on merit."

## Work under way on £2.6m revamp of historic park

CONSTRUCTION work is under way on a long-awaited £2.6 million revamp of Dudley's historic Priory Park.

The pavilion will be extended to provide a modern visitor centre offering educational and community facilities. It will have new public toilets and act as a base for a park ranger.

Work, including new lighting for the old Priory ruins, is expected to be completed by summer. Trees are being planted, paths repaired and new signs installed.

There will also be resurfacing of the football pitch and bowling green after The Friends of the Priory Park and Green and Dudley Council applied for just under £1.8m of Heritage Lottery Fund cash.

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture, said it would enable them to preserve and restore a beautiful green space valued by the community. "We would like to thank everyone for their patience while we undertake this important work at the park," she added.

## Safe Places plan launch

YOUNG people with a learning disability in Kidderminster designed a public safety scheme giving greater access to facilities and services.

It is part of learning disability charity Mencap's project, Changemakers.

The group, aged 17-24, members of Our Way Self Advocacy Group, set up Safe Places in and around Kidderminster with business and police support.

It will be officially launched on January 25 at Our Way Self Advocacy, Church Road.



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## What's On! Dudley

### Dudley Town Hall

COMEDY legend Ken Dodd is bringing his Happiness Show to Dudley town Hall on Saturday, March 9.

For those who fancy a long night of laughter the show starts 7pm and tickets are £18 and £20.

THE best of Birmingham features Jasper Carrot, Bev Bevan of 80s superband ELO, Trevor Burton from The Move, Geoff Turton of the Rockin' Berries, Joy Strachan-Brain and Danny King plus The Bev Bevan Band.

The show on Thursday, April 11 promises a night of great music, anecdotes and laughter from 7.30pm. Tickets are £25.00.

LEGENDS of Irish folk music The Fureys & Davey Arthur will be playing a special St Patrick's weekend concert on Saturday March 16.

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THE Jive Aces are the UK's top Jive & Swing band. The six piece group have performed all over the world.

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# Silly sausage Harry is back for sizzling show

**HARRY Hill has not done a live stand-up tour for six years. Now the comedian is back on the road – and it has been well worth the wait.**

In Sausage Time, the massive-collared comic returns with a show that dazzles on every level. For instance, it pledges to give us absolute proof that God exists, provides a section for Tongans, showcases the legendary Stouffer the Cat and proffers a debut solo stand-up spot to Harry's son Gary, best known for his role as Alan Sugar in Harry Hill's TV Burp.

### Slapstick

We are also promised performances by the show band, The Harrys, the whistler-of-chart-hits grandson Sam and an all-singing, all-dancing finale. Oh, and a giant sausage. One thing we should anticipate above all else is a wonderful sense of silliness.

"There's never a serious agenda to my comedy," said Harry. "I use a lot of slapstick and a lot of silly wordplay and puns."

"The show doesn't have an overall theme. It's just a load of silly stuff."

The comic has been doing warm-up shows and has relished the experience of performing live again. "I've loved it," he said. "It gives you such a buzz. Hearing laughter is such an exciting feeling."

Harry added that, after the long-winded process of making TV shows,

"Stand-up is so immediate. You can have an idea in the morning and get a laugh for it in the evening. No-one else can tell you what to do, apart from the audience. The audience is the ultimate arbiter."

The comedian, who has won multiple BAFTA and British Comedy Awards, said he had no regrets after quitting TV Burp after 11 years.

"At the end of that last show, all the production team were crying but I went back to my dressing room and felt like a weight had been lifted."

"The closest equivalent was when I gave up medicine."

Sausage Time is at the New Alexandra Theatre on February 26 and 27. Tickets are £31.



Harry Hill is returning to stand-up and, above, the TV Burp entertainer is seen with the legendary Stouffer the Cat

### Comedy that has a cutting edge

Stourbridge Town Hall is holding another of its monthly comedy events which showcases new and established talent.

The show will feature the best up-and-coming talent from all over the UK before they hit the big time, giving audiences the chance to cutting edge.

Previous comedians that have played the venue include Alan Carr, Patrick Monaghan, Stephen K Amos, Reginald D Hunter and Hal Cruttenden.

Please be advised the show will contain adult material which is not suitable for under 18s.

For more information contact Stourbridge Town Hall or visit [www.Dudley.gov.uk](http://www.Dudley.gov.uk).

### Cinderella panto at the town hall

STOURBRIDGE Pantomime Company has been producing pantomimes for more than 40 years and their latest is Cinderella.

Cinderella will be performed between January 19 and 26 at the Stourbridge Town Hall Theatre.

Tickets can be bought from the ticket secretary on 01384 836 963 or via [www.stourbridgepanto.co.uk](http://www.stourbridgepanto.co.uk).

### Fundraiser night

JB'S Nightclub on Castle Hill, Dudley is holding a fundraising night for Dudley Hippodrome. The event features local bands and begins at 7.30pm on Friday January 25.

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## What's On!

**SATURDAY'S TV 19.01.13**

### CHOICE



Hazel Irvine

#### Live Snooker: The Masters BBC2, 4.30pm

Hazel Irvine presents the second semi-final from Alexandra Palace, London, where the line-up for the final will be confirmed. Shaun Murphy prevailed over two-time champion John Higgins with a 6-4 victory in last year's concluding semi-final, earning him a chance to claim the title in a contest against Neil Robertson. However, it was the Thunder from Down Under who went on to win the prestigious trophy. This year's draw meant that Murphy and Robertson could have met in the last four once again.

### BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Good Cook. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; **12.15** Food Focus; **1.00** Live Snooker: The Masters. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** Animal Antics. **6.00** **Richard Hammond's Secret Service.** The hidden-camera show features Bill Oddie destroying a woman's garden as he presents a TV programme on the people of Oxford being subjected to a dodgy lie-detector test. **6.45** **Britain's Brightest.** Clare Balding hosts the game show, featuring a challenge in which two players are locked in a room and have to solve the puzzles inside to blow the doors off. **8.00** **The National Lottery: It to Win It.** Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. **8.50** **Casualty.** Jordan is desperate to keep Yvonne on the straight and narrow, but another patient forces him to reconsider his decision. A man steals from the ED. **9.40** **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes tries to persuade the health visitor Grandad is in need of respite care. (R) **10.10** BBC News; Weather. **10.30 Match of the Day** Including West Ham United v Queens Park Rangers; National Lottery Update. **11.50** **The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two. **1.05** Weatherview. **1.10** BBC News.

### BBC2

**6.00 Close.** **6.30 Film:** Flight for Freedom. (1943) Drama, starring Rosalind Russell. **8.10 Film:** Sister Kenny. (1941) Drama, about a doctor's treatment for polio, but struggles to convince the medical establishment that it will work. Fact-based drama, starring Rosalind Russell and Alexander Knox. **10.00** A History of Britain by Simon Schama. (R) **11.00** **Meet the Ancestors.** **11.30** Map Man. (R) **12.00** Indian Food Made Easy. **12.30** Painting Pictures. **1.20** Film: The Moon Is Blue. (1953) Comedy, starring Maggie McNamara. **3.00** Coast. (R) **3.30** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Live Snooker: The Masters. Concluding coverage of the final semi-final from Alexandra Palace, London. **5.30** Winterwatch: The Big Freeze. **6.30** **Dad's Army.** Capt Mainwaring and the platoon are asked to provide a guard of honour for a royal train passing through Walmington-on-Sea, but another locomotive has other plans. **7.00** **Live Snooker: The Masters.** Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the second semi-final from Alexandra Palace, London, where the line-up for the final will be confirmed. **10.30 Film:** Doubt. (2008) A disconnection in all a religious teacher suspects a charismatic priest of behaving inappropriately with a student. Drama, with Meryl Streep, Philip Seymour Hoffman and Amy Adams. **12.10** Snooker Extra. Hazel Irvine presents highlights of the first Masters semi-final from Alexandra Palace, London, where the first entrant for the final was decided over the best of 11 frames.

### ITV

**6.00 CITV:** Handy Manny. **6.10** Handy Manny. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Dino Dan. (R) **7.15** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **8.05** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.30** Victorious. (R) **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** TV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.35** My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. (R) **2.35** Dinner Date. (R) **3.00** Monsters. (R) **4.00** Film: Garfield. (2004) **5.30** Regional Programme. **5.45** ITV News; Weather. **5.55** Weather. **6.00** **New You've Been Framed!** Top 10 Weddings. Comedian Harry Hill narrates a countdown of 100 weddings, then camcorder cameras and clever submitted mobile-phone clips. **7.00** **Splash!** Five more celebrities, including Linda Barker, Dom Joly, Anthony Ogogo and Tina Malone, learn how to dive with Tom Daley as they battle for two places in next week's semi-final. **8.30** **Take Me Out.** An accountant, a mixologist, a sales assistant and a historian enter the love lift in the hope of impressing 30 single women. **9.45** **The Jonathan Ross Show.** Jonathan Ross, Kimberley Walsh and Mark Webber. **10.45** ITV News; Weather. **11.00** Film: The Game. (1997) Thriller, with Michael Douglas. **1.20** The Store. **2.50** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.30** Pushing Daisies. (R) **4.15** ITV Nightscreen.

### CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Beach Volleyball. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Handy Love. **9.30** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **10.00** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** Undercover Boss Australia. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** Come Dine With Me. **4.10** Celebrity Come Dine With Me: Ireland. **4.40** Celebrity Come Dine With Me: Ireland. **5.10** Celebrity Come Dine With Me: Ireland. **5.45** Celebrity Come Dine With Me: Ireland.

**6.10** **Celebrity Come Dine with Me: Ireland.** Comedian Joe Rogan annoys Celia Holman-Lee by printing the menu for his dinner in five languages, and as the evening draws to a close, the week's winner is revealed.

#### 6.40 Channel 4 News.

**7.10** **4thought.tv.** **7.15** Film: **The Simpsons Movie.** (2007) Springfield faces destruction after pollution caused by Moe provokes the wrath of the US government. Animated comedy, with the voice of Dan Castellaneta.

**9.00** **World Without End.** A plan to rebuild the bridge is hampered by the new Lord of Wigford, while Queen Isabella carries out a crafty scheme to persuade the king to declare war on her enemies.

**10.00** Film: **Saving Private Ryan.** (1998) Steven Spielberg's Second World War drama, starring Tom Hanks.

**1.15** Film: **Exit Through the Gift Shop.** (2010) **2.40** Hollywoods. **4.50** Countdown. (R) **5.35** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

### CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.05** Film: **Elephant.** **11.30** Family Guy. **BBC Four** **7.00** Lost Land of the Tiger. **8.00** A History of Art in Three Colours. **9.00** **Borgen** **11.00** Top of the Pops: The Story of 1978. **ITV2** **3.45** You've Been Framed! **5.45** Film: **Babe.** (1995) **7.35** Film: **The Incredible Hulk.** (2008) A scientist who turns into a monster when angry is hunted by a general who wants to use him as a weapon. **8.00** NCIS. A serial killer begins posting footage of his crimes online – and as the agents investigate, they realise that each video contains visual clues to the identity of the next victim. (R) **9.45** **Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of the famous housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another.

**10.45** **Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side.** Emma Willis presents the CBB companion show, including celebrity guests' thoughts on the latest developments and behind-the-scenes insights.

**11.45** **Comedy Kings: Best of Just for Laughs.** Craig Hill and Aziz Ansari perform in front of audiences at Montreal's renowned Just for Laughs festival. (R)

**12.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Great Artists. (R) **5.00** County Secondary. (R) **5.30** Hallie's Headline. **5.45** Film: **Milkshake Show.** (R) **5.55** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.58** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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**BBC Three** **7.00** Merlin. **7.45** Doctor Who. **8.40** Top Gear. **9.45** Film: **Con Air** (1997) **11.30** Family Guy. **BBC Four** **7.00** Lost Land of the Tiger. **8.00** A History of Art in Three Colours. **9.00** **Borgen** **11.00** Top of the Pops: The Story of 1978. **ITV2** **3.45** You've Been Framed! **5.45** Film: **Babe.** (1995) **7.35** Film: **The Incredible Hulk.** (2008) A scientist who turns into a monster when angry is hunted by a general who wants to use him as a weapon. **8.00** NCIS. A serial killer begins posting footage of his crimes online – and as the agents investigate, they realise that each video contains visual clues to the identity of the next victim. (R) **9.45** **Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of the famous housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another.

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**E4** **3.30** Life Africa Cup of Nations. **3.40** South Africa v Cape Verde (Kick-off 4.00pm). **6.15** Goals That Shock the World. **7.10** Film: **The Secret War of Harry Frigg** (1967). **9.30** Film: **Space Cowboys** (2000)

**ITV4** **3.30** Live Africa Cup of Nations. **3.40** South Africa v Cape Verde (Kick-off 4.00pm). **6.15** Goals That Shock the World. **7.10** Film: **The Secret War of Harry Frigg** (1967). **9.30** Film: **Space Cowboys** (2000)

**Fox4** **3.10** One Million Years BC (1966). **5.10** **MirrorMask** (2005). **7.05** The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising (2007). **9.00** **10 Things I Hate About You** (1999). **10.55** **The Keep** (1983)

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## What's On!

### Film Choices

**MONDAY**

**Gun Fury**, Channel 4, 1pm

A wealthy rancher and his fiancee take the stagecoach to California, where they intend to start a new life in the wake of the Civil War. However, during the journey an ex-Confederate outlaw and his gang of thugs attack the coach and kidnap the bride-to-be. Distraught and wounded, the rancher sets out to rescue her and punish her abductors. Western, with Rock Hudson, Donna Reed, Lee Marvin and Phil Carey. (1953)

**TUESDAY**

**Greenfingers**, BBC1, 11.30pm

Inmates at an open prison discover a passion for gardening and create a patch that attracts the attention of a haughty celebrity horticulturalist, who encourages them to compete in a prestigious competition at Hampton Court. Fact-based comedy drama, starring Helen Mirren, Clive Owen, David Kellie, Warren Clarke and Natasha Little. (2000)

**WEDNESDAY**

**Alien Hunter**, Channel 5, 11.30pm

A communications expert heads for an isolated research station in the Antarctic, where strange radio signals have been detected coming from an object in the ice. The scientists succeed in breaking the artefact open, unleashing a strange alien creature and a flesh-eating virus that endangers all life on Earth. Sci-fi thriller, starring James Spader, Janine Eiser and John Lynch. (2003)



Greenfingers, Tuesday, BBC1, 11.30pm

**THURSDAY**

**Presumed Innocent**, BBC1, 12.20am

A deputy prosecutor is drawn into an affair with a seductive colleague, but she drops him when he fails to live up to her ambitions. However, when she is found dead, he is investigated under suspicion of raping and murdering her – and as a wealth of evidence piles up, he struggles to clear his name. Mystery thriller, starring Harrison Ford, Greta Scacchi, Brian Dennehy, Bonnie Bedelia and Raquel Julia. (1990)

**FRIDAY**

**Coogan's Bluff**, ITV, 10.35pm

An Arizona sheriff is sent to New York to bring an imprisoned murderer back to stand trial. However, when the killer escapes, the southern lawman employs Wild West methods to recapture him, antagonising the city's police in the process. Don Siegel's crime drama, starring Clint Eastwood, Lee J Cobb, Don Stroud and Susan Clark. (1968)

### Pick of the Week

## Stars shine bright in a night of celebration

We love the Oscars, Golden Globes and Emmys – the Baftas aren't half-bad either.

But our favourite film or TV-related gong-giving ceremony of all has to be the National Television Awards.

Why? The answer to that is simple: because every award is voted for by the people who really count – those who work in it at home.

Forget the critics or the contributors' fellow nominees, in other words, it's the folk who watch the shows whose opinions count the most, because without them, there would be no programmes to start off with.

So if your favourite doesn't bag a trophy on the night, you only have yourself to blame for not backing them.

The people receiving them also rate the ceremony highly, as executive producer Kim Turville of Indigo Television, who make the National Television Awards for ITV, says:

"Viewers are the bedrock of our show because all the winners are chosen by the public. So I hope they will respond to our call to action again

this year in this quest to discover the nation's favourite stars and shows.

"The NTA trophy is the award that says people love what you do. That's why it means so much to win one."

This year, the NTAs themselves have something to celebrate, having come home. While the Baftas have taken the ceremony has taken place, and as a result, it promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

It's certainly going to be very exciting indeed, with many of the categories just too close to call.

Making its debut in the Factual Entertainment slot is The Great British Bake-Off, and you won't bet against it bagging a prize.

Arguably the most intriguing battle comes in Drama, where writer Steven Moffat's two productions, Doctor Who and Sherlock, go head-to-head; their stars, Matt Smith and Benedict Cumberbatch, are also vying for the Drama Performance: Male Gong.

However, both shows could miss out if the mighty Downton Abbey retains its crown, or if fans of Merlin, in their sorrow of it finally drawing to a

close at Christmas, decide to give it the ultimate farewell – one of those nice, shiny awards.

The Drama Performance: Female nomination is probably batch too.

The smart money is on Sheridan Smith for her outstanding performance as a Great Train Robber's wife in Mrs Biggs, but Miranda Hart could surprise everyone – after all, she's been rather impressive in Call The Midwife.

Other awards being given on the night will be for Comedy Panel Show, Talk Show, Factual Programme, Situation Comedy, Serial Drama, Sci-Fi, Drama, Performance, Reality Programme, Newcomer, Entertainment Programme and Entertainment Presenter.

Dermot O'Leary hosts the ceremony from the O2 Arena in London, and watch out for his show-stopping entrance, which apparently features a very special dance partner indeed.

We're not revealing the identity of who (or what) that will be – but if you think really hard, we bet you can guess...



The National Television Awards 2013, Wednesday, ITV, 7.30pm

### Best of the Rest

**MONDAY**

**Wild Things**

Channel 4, 8.30pm

Does garden designer Chris Myers have the best job in the world? Actually no, that claim well and truly went the 'caretaker' of the Great Barrier Reef a couple of years ago. However, Chris's comes a close second – he spends his time in the fresh air, among the birds, bees, and flowers - what's not to love? Chris, who's a Royal Horticultural Society gold medalist and garden designer, is joined by one of our top botanists, Dr Trevor Dines, lichenologist Sally Eaton, and his trusty Labrador Lottie. First up, the teams head to Birmingham and they start looking for wild things amid the heart of its road transport network. Why? Because in the last 50 years, these roadsides have become Britain's latest nature reserve.

**TUESDAY**

**Great Houses with Julian Fellowes**

ITV, 9pm

Think of actor-turned-screenwriter Julian Fellowes and what springs to mind? Probably the productions he's created, in particular Downton Abbey and Gosford Park. If you've seen them, you'll probably have noticed that at the centre of both is a very posh house indeed, and Fellowes has created compelling characters who inhabit them. But now he's turning his attention to the real people who live in these places. This two-part documentary sees the Oscar-winning writer visit Goodwood House in West Sussex and Cambridgeshire's Burghley House to unearth their remarkable histories. "These are not just houses for

posh people to live in," says Julian, "their history belongs to all of us."

**Death in Paradise**

BBC1, 9pm

Like Midsomer Murders, the format for this winning comedy drama is simple enough: a series of nefarious crimes are committed in an idyllic setting, and we at home have to guess who did it before buttoned-up English DI Richard Poole (Miller). When the body of Valerie Dupree is discovered floating in the pool of a luxury cosmetic clinic by swimmer Jayne Smythe (Cherie Lunghi), several things point to suicide. However, Poole believes Ms Dupree was murdered. The whole thing is handled with a likeable lightness of touch, and Miller proves as engaging as those glorious Guadeloupe backdrops. Series regulars Don Warrington and Sara Martins star alongside James Fleet and Emma Pierson.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Charley Boorman's South African Adventure**

Channel 5, 8pm

Join the eponymous adventurer on the ride of a lifetime as he journeys through South Africa on his trusty BMW motorbike. In search of thrills and excitement, this week Charley samples South African life from three differing perspectives – in the air, deep below ground and in the bush. He takes to the skies as he learns how to para-jet and then

even tries his hand at gold mining underground; detonating the dynamite himself in search of the precious metal. He then heads into the bush getting up close and personal to Africa's greatest wild animals also enjoying some traditional dinners around the campfire. Follow his footsteps as Africa plays host to his most daring adventure yet.

**THURSDAY**

**Silent Witness**

BBC1, 9pm

Given the generic first 30 seconds of this week's episode, you might feel the urge to switch over, but if you like slick post-watershed dramas stick with it, because the tale of a prostitute's run-in with a mysterious pimp-bashing copper proves to be disturbingly compelling. Following the opening credits, the forensic team are called in when Joanne Henderson, a pub landlady is stabbed to death and has her little finger cut off. Although Leo and Jack collect mounting evidence that her husband was responsible, Nikki believes the man is innocent. After he is charged with the crime, she faces a race against the clock to convince her colleagues the woman was the latest victim of a serial killer.



Death in Paradise, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

**FRIDAY**

**Celebrity Big Brother: Live Final**

Channel 5, 9pm

Claire Richards, Frankie Dettori and Gillian Taylforth are among those who have been basking in the camera's spotlight, while The Hills' Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt; models Lacey Banghard and Paula Hamilton; Neil 'Razor' Ruddock; The X Factor's beloved loser Ryan Clark, and Sam Robertson (from E4 comedy Beaver Falls) have also enjoyed time in the famous abode. Millions of Neighbours fans rooted for Ryan Malone, while Heartbeat and The Royal veteran Tricia Penrose also had a solid fanbase, but by now you'll know who's made it through to this stage and who will be licking their wounds. Expect host Brian Dowling to grill the winner in what promises to be a glitzy finale.

**The Last Leg**

Channel 4, 10.30pm

This show first won plaudits during the Paralympics Games, when its host, Adam Hills, and his colleagues Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker, offered an intelligent and alternative commentary on the day's events. A non-sporting version of the show was hinted at back in October when Syeda Irtilaza, Channel 4's entertainment commissioning editor, said: "We are working on a number of great ideas that will help push the show forward from its Paralympic origins into a broad, intelligent and entertaining series. I'm hugely looking forward to working again with Adam, Alex and Josh." Clearly they've found a format that works, because the trio will be fronting it for the next eight weeks – and we can't wait to see how it turns out.

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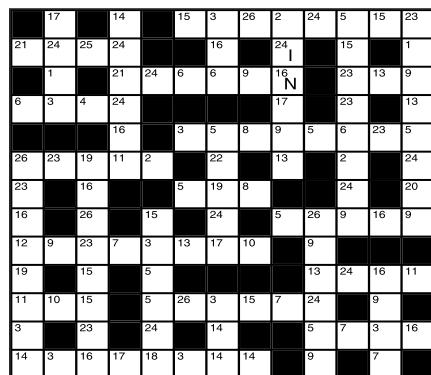
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**Codeword**

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

O	E	P	F	L	Q	G	X	V	D	B	C	J
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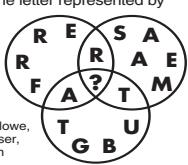
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**Circlegram**

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S  
SOLUTION:  
The letter  
represented by  
the question  
mark is E. Marlowe,  
Webster, Spenser,  
all early modern  
playwrights.

**Double Crossword**

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

**Cryptic Clues:****Across**

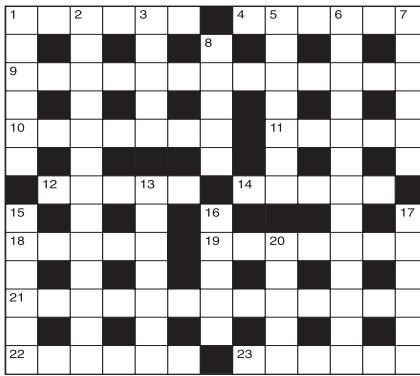
- Take one's leave of French region (6)
- Just the implement for one who intends to have a row! (6)
- 9 and 13 Dn. When a man is doing this, the charge is not to be sneezed at! (6,7,3,4)
- Such a man would like to feel the draught (7)
- Less industrious layabout (5)
- In the bag a ten-dollar stone (5)
- Strange steps taken to get vermin (5)
- Without any company making an advance, we hear (5)
- A little hut and French piece of furniture (7)
- It ensures that the eldest will succeed (13)
- There is a change about one word that indicates an alternative (9)
- They cut parts of the propeller (6)

**Quick Clues:****Across**

- Meal (6)
- Peril (6)
- Distance round (13)
- Go before (7)
- Tend (5)
- Decree (5)
- Did business (5)
- Happen (5)
- Swiss lake (7)
- Receptacle for dos-siers (6,7)
- Straight (6)
- Call to help (6)
- Formula (6)
- Upright (13)
- Relish (5)
- Dispose (7)
- Spanish dictator (7,6)
- Staggered (6)
- Bid (5)
- Lasting a long time (7)
- Took off (6)
- Lax (5)
- Kindly (6)
- Hut (5)

**Down**

- Posted to army bases, maybe (6)
- An expert at reading the dials! (13)
- Used by those who take steps to raise their position (5)
- Publicise the route needed for a flying concern (7)
- Being able to speak two languages is deceitful (6-7)
- Provides some earnest counsel, tho' Rex must be wrong (6)
- Checks parts of the rigging (5)
- See 9 Across
- Take a piece of balsam, please - just a taste (6)
- Wind a kind of thread (5)
- Emphasise what worried people experience (6)
- Right inside the beak one can see a fish (5)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Out of spirits; 7 Canon; 8 Canto; 9 Bud; 10 Simpleton; 11 Lariat; 12 Timbre; 15 Narrating; 17 Lea; 18 Etude; 19 Imply; 21 Reassertions; Down: 1 Overbalances; 2 Fan; 3 Panama; 4 Recalling; 5 Tenet; 6 Counterances; 7 Cedar; 10 Seafarers; 13 Billy; 14 Finite; 16 Rouse; 20 Pat. QUICK - Across: 1 Invertebrate; 7 Might; 8 Query; 9 Pit; 10 Architect; 11 Refuse; 12 Filter; 15 Effective; 17 Ado; 18 China; 19 Pilot; 21 Intelligibly. Down: 1 Inexperience; 2 Rig; 3 Entice; 4 Requisite; 5 There; 6 Mysteriously; 7 Motif; 10 Associate; 13 Trait; 14 Dispel; 16 Feign; 20 Lag.

**Sudoku**

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S  
SOLUTIONS >

8	1	4	6	2	5	9	3	7
6	7	5	3	8	9	1	2	4
7	9	1	4	3	2	6	5	8
1	7	6	8	5	4	3	9	2
9	5	8	7	3	2	4	1	6
4	3	2	1	6	5	7	8	9
5	6	9	8	7	1	3	4	2
3	4	5	6	9	8	7	2	1
5	4	7	2	1	3	6	8	9



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**QUICK CROSSWORD**  
**CODEWORD**    **SUDOKU**  
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It benefits from double glazing and central heating, off road parking and front and rear gardens.

Accommodation comprises of reception room, kitchen diner, conservatory, three bedrooms and upstairs bathroom.

On the ground floor the 14ft 3in by 12ft 8in lounge has a fireplace with gas coal effect fire and French doors to a kitchen diner which is 17ft 3in by 9ft 10in.

#### Garden

It has wall and base units, stainless steel sink with drainer, work surfaces, integrated electric oven with electric hob, cooker hood and plumbing for washing machine and dishwasher.

There is also a conservatory with side doors to the rear garden. On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with low level WC, wash hand basin and bath with shower over.

Outside to the front is off road parking. The rear garden has a slatted patio area and steps to a further patio area.

Call estate agent Worton Kelly on 0121 588 5666 for information or to view.



This three-bed semi-detached in Lincoln Road, West Bromwich, is priced at £110,000



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- Close to Stourbridge Junction
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KINGSWINFORD  
73 WATER STREET



- Period style semi detached
- Redecorated throughout
- 3 bedrooms (EPC = D)

£550 PCM

PENSNETT  
91 TANSEY GREEN ROAD



- Mid terrace town house
- 2 bedrooms, with built-in wardrobes
- Garage to the rear (EPC = C)

£525 PCM

TIVIDALE  
56 MEHDY ROAD



- 2 bedroom first floor apartment
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Allocated parking space (EPC = B)

£500 PCM

WORDSLEY  
FLAT 20 INGATESTONE DRIVE



- Second floor flat
- 2 good sized bedrooms
- Allocated parking (EPC = D)

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KINGSWINFORD  
FLAT 2 HAYLEY COURT



- Modern first floor flat
- 2 bedrooms master with fitted units
- Close to all amenities (EPC = C)

£495 PCM

GORNAL  
62A NEW STREET



- Modern end 2 bedroom town house
- Rear lounge with gas fire
- Lawned rear garden (EPC = D)

£475 PCM

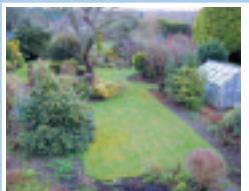
BRIERLEY HILL  
77 DADFORD VIEW



- 2 bed ground floor flat
- Recently modernised throughout
- Lounge with electric fire (EPC = D)

£395 PCM

# Wakeman

**NEW****NO UPWARD CHAIN****NEW****NO UPWARD CHAIN****NO UPWARD CHAIN****ADJOINING 3 THE STRAITS £224,950  
LOWER GORNAL****44 QUEENS ROAD O/A £199,950  
SEDGLEY****31 SANDYFIELDS ROAD, SEDGLEY £250,000**

- Traditional detached house with four bedrooms
- Two reception rooms, utility area & laundry room
- Occupying a larger than normal plot with ample parking
- Extensive level rear garden which is attractively landscaped
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D

**34 WOODCROFT AVE £199,500****TIPTON**

- Traditional detached house of character
- Well proportioned three bedroom accommodation
- Majority uPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- Two reception rooms, enlarged kitchen
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING E

**6 HOLLOWAY STREET £162,500  
UPPER GORNAL**

- Three bedroom detached house
- Individually designed
- Well proportioned accommodation
- Private rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D

**45 NEWLANDS CLOSE £119,950  
HAGLEY**

- Spacious modern second floor apartment
- Two bedrooms, lounge/dining room
- Allocated parking space
- Community lawned gardens
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C

**81 HORACE STREET O/A £104,950  
COSELEY**

- Modern end terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Amply off street parking
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D

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**196 TURLS HILL ROAD, COSELEY**

- Attractive detached cottage with four bedrooms
- Deceptively spacious and improved accommodation
- Ensuite shower room off bedroom two
- Open views to the front over conservation area
- SEDGLEY OFFICE

**NO UPWARD CHAIN****NO UPWARD CHAIN****72 LONGMEADOW DRIVE £187,000****SEDGLEY**

- Detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Through lounge & dining area
- Attractively presented
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D

**31 GOSPEL END ROAD £184,950****SEDGLEY**

- Detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Level low maintenance rear garden
- Well proportioned accommodation
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D

**NEW****NO UPWARD CHAIN****94 ATTINGHAM DRIVE £184,950****DUDLEY**

- Modern detached house
- Four bedrooms & ensuite shower room
- Good sized accommodation
- Lounge with dining area, utility area
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C

**NO UPWARD CHAIN****NO UPWARD CHAIN****328 HIMLEY ROAD O/I/O £179,950****GORNAL WOOD**

- Extended detached house
- Four bedrooms & extended lounge
- Conservatory & utility area
- Separate shower room
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING E

**NO UPWARD CHAIN****NO UPWARD CHAIN****FLAT 6 REGENCY COURT £149,950****DUDLEY**

- Spacious modern three bedroom flat
- Pleasant open views to front
- Communal lift within the block
- High quality development
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C

**NEW****NO UPWARD CHAIN****281 WRENS NEST ROAD £134,950****WOODSETTON**

- Spacious modern three storey house
- Three bedrooms
- Well presented throughout
- Two car parking spaces at rear
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C

**29 HURST ROAD £122,500****COSELEY**

- Extended semi-detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Downstairs wet room
- Deceptive accommodation
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D

**130 MOUNT ROAD £115,000****LANESFIELD**

- Traditional semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Larger than average plot
- Large private rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D

**8 BEACON RISE £114,950****SEDGLEY**

- End terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Deceptive accommodation
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D

**20 CLAREMONT ROAD £109,995****SEDGLEY**

- Traditional mid terraced house
- Two bedrooms with ensuite wc
- Refitted kitchen & bathroom
- Replacement uPVC double glazing
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D

**80 CENTRAL DRIVE O/A £108,500****LOWER GORNAL**

- Well maintained terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D

**NO UPWARD CHAIN****NO UPWARD CHAIN****32 LAUREL ROAD £99,950****DUDLEY**

- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Good sized accommodation
- Double glazing & part gas central heating
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**88 STEVEN DRIVE £76,050****COSELEY**

- Modern mid terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Well proportioned
- Two allocated car parking spaces
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C

**113 VIEWFIELD CRES £74,950****SEDGLEY**

- First floor flat
- One bedroom
- Own entrance hall
- Common gardens
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C

**73B ATTINGHAM DRIVE £535 PCM****DUDLEY**

- Modern terraced house
- Two double bedrooms
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Allocated car parking space
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## COSELEY



## The Paddock

SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached envirionally situated opposite cricket ground within reasonable distance of rail/bus transport routes, etc. Much enhanced accommodation includes large entrance vestibule, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, dining room, transverse 16'9" lounge, upgraded kitchen, three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), bathroom, 23'2" garage, block paved driveway, secluded rear garden with substantial brick store. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £157,950



## Coopers Bank Road

AN EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, modern, freehold, gas centrally heated, 5 uPVC double glazed detached family residence of quality constructed circa 2006 (and covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee) in development of elegant first quality homes. Outstanding accommodation includes; hall, cloakroom, study, magnificent 27ft through living/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room (double doors out to garden), superb 'hub of house' 18ft breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of units, fitted appliances & granite work surfaces & a further separate section, breakfast room, utility, laundry, five BEDROOMS, en-suite shower room with professionally installed units & a shower room en suite, bathroom, garage, expertly landscaped secluded gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £334,950



## STAMP DUTY PAID

A VERY IMPRESSIVE SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE, which enjoys a FANTASTIC CORNER POSITION, within the highly desirable Swindon Village. The accommodation has been BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED and IMPROVED in recent years and comprises; enclosed side entrance porch, Reception Hall, Full Width Lounge, Luxury Refitted Kitchen with built in appliances and DINING AREA off, Utility, Ground Floor WC, excellent store, THREE BEDROOMS (Bed 1 with fitted wardrobes) and LUXURY SHOWER ROOM. Front/ side lawns, DRIVEWAY and a very pleasant rear garden with store. EPC Rating - C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£174,950



## SEDGLEY



Dormston Drive  
NO UPWARD CHAIN. This beautifully presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached family home has been concientiously maintained by the current owners and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, guest w.c., kitchen, transverse lounge/dining room, three good bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with white suite, block paved foregarden & a pleasant rear garden, brick former garage. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

## BRIERLEY HILL



## North View Drive

This modern style, considerably enlarged, gas centrally heated, four bedroomed detached family home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen, sitting/family room, guest wc, four bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£174,950

## COSELEY



## Elmdale Road, Bramford Estate

A significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached with 'granny/disabled' suite extension in popular/convenient district. Accommodation includes enlarged reception hall, pantry, lounge with bay, dining room, enlarged refitted kitchen with various integrated appliances, three bedrooms, re-appointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. Granny suite comprising through living/bedroom & wet shower room en suite, slabbed drive, Gated driveway to brick garage, landscaped 'low maintenance' garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

## LOWER GORNAL



## Cotwall End Road, Straits

AN EXTENDED, modernly modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed detached bungalow envirionally situated upon imposing corner plot overlooking COUNTRY PARK in favoured district. Set within reasonable distance of so many amenities, the superb accommodation includes entrance hall, cloakroom, modern double bedroom (with wardrobes), enlarged reappointed bathroom with white suite, excellent lounge through to dining room beyond (with double french doors out to garden), upgraded kitchen, separate garden room, rear conservatory, with attractive paved/pebbled driveway, GARAGE with side driveway. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Offers in the region of £219,950



## 4 BEDROOMS

Underley Close  
A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, NOW MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS AND BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED, MODERN FOUR BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoying a delightful cul-de-sac position and very well placed for the area's highly regarded local schooling, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC Double Glazing, double garage, ground floor WC, spacious Lounge with Dining Area off, attractive Kitchen leading through to Utility Room, LARGE GARDEN ROOM EXTENSION, FOUR BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom and separate shower room. With attractive paved/pebbled driveway, GARAGE and ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£199,950

## COSELEY



Richborough Drive  
NO UPWARD CHAIN. This beautifully presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached family home has been concientiously maintained by the current owners and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, guest w.c., kitchen, transverse lounge/dining room, three good bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with white suite, block paved foregarden & a pleasant rear garden, brick former garage. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

## WOLVERHAMPTON



## Sherrans Dell, Ettingshall Park

An attractive, concientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & part double glazed detached in short favoured cul de sac where houses are only rarely made available for sale. Delightful accommodation includes recessed porch, entrance hall, double glazed conservatory, lounge with patio doors, understair storage, refitted kitchen with a range of 'shaker' style units & a quarry tiled floor. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway, carport, secluded garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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## KINGSWINFORD



## Greencroft

Enjoying a predominantly level setting within this delightful cul de sac upon. The Paddock, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW is convenient for local shopping, nearby Barnett Lane and affords an excellent opportunity ENHANCED FREEHOLD holding which requires some updating, but offers FANTASTIC POTENTIAL and comprising: reception hall, splendid large lounge, conservatory, extended kitchen with appliances, separate sitting / dining room or potential bed/sitting room requiring finishing off. TWO BEDROOMS, bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With LONG TARMAC DRIVEWAY and a good sized rear garden, enjoying an OPEN REAR ASPECT. EPC Rating - D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£159,950

## DUDLEY



## The Broadway

A traditional, Freehold, mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached with potential in popular/convenient district. Requiring modernisation/improvement works the accommodation includes; entrance porch, reception hall, pantry, lounge with bay, dining room, enlarged refitted kitchen with various integrated appliances, three bedrooms, re-appointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. Granny suite comprising through living/bedroom & wet shower room en suite, slabbed drive, Gated driveway to brick garage, landscaped 'low maintenance' garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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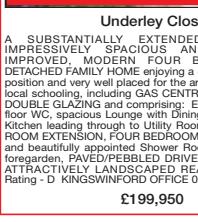
## LOWER GORNAL



## Five Ways Court, Lake Street

50% SHARE FOR SALE. A comparitively SPACIOUS, stylish, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed FIRST FLOOR flat with good distant views forming part of a larger, modern, two storey building. 50% share available for sale (other 50% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental). Entry phone system to shared hallway with flat comprising; reception hall, superb 16'8" lounge with well equipped kitchen beyond with a fine range of "beech effect" units & integrated appliances. Two BATHROOMS (principal bathroom, shower room en suite & white suite) & bathroom. Allocated parking, communal grounds. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £51,950 for Vendors 50% Share

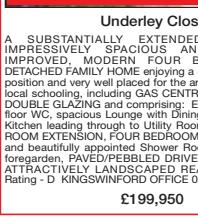


## WALL HEATH

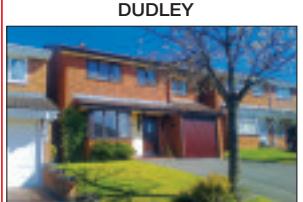


Quilter Close, Hurst Hill  
Constructed to an exemplary specification (by original developer for number 1 Hurst Hill), a particularly spacious/highly individual, freehold, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed detached bungalow set in quiet 'backwater' adjacent to adopted open space. With security gates and an extensive brick/block driveway approaching the property, there is a large single garage, ground floor WC, spacious Lounge with Dining Area off, attractive Kitchen leading through to Utility Room, LARGE GARDEN ROOM EXTENSION, FOUR BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom and separate shower room. With attractive paved/pebbled driveway, GARAGE and ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Offers in the region of £189,950



## DUDLEY



## Austin Close, Milking Bank

A significantly EXTENDED & concientiously maintained, modern, gas centrally heated detached family home with secluded rear garden & good distant views from the front. Set upon well regarded development, the carefully planned accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with bay & living flame feature gas fire, dining room, upgraded kitchen, pantry, laundry room, fitted cloakroom. Four generous bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, walk-in wardrobes, shower room en suite & two with shower room en suite (with shower over bath), bathroom, walk-in store (two lots), 17'6" garage, gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950



## WOODSETTON



A meticulously maintained, freehold, gas radiator centrally heated & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached presented in exemplary order throughout in favoured cul de sac (where properties are only rarely made available for sale) in popular district. Accommodation includes reception hall, L-shape 24'8" through living/dining room (with patio doors), kitchen; three bedrooms (principal bedroom with an extensive range of fitted units), bathroom, lengthy drive, large garage (incorporating laundry section) & a separate toilet. Delightful, well tended, sheltered rear garden with summer house & shed. EPC Rating D SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £160,000



## Ratcliffe Close



A meticulously maintained, freehold, gas radiator centrally heated & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached presented in exemplary order throughout in favoured cul de sac (where properties are only rarely made available for sale) in popular district. Accommodation includes reception hall, L-shape 24'8" through living/dining room (with patio doors), kitchen; three bedrooms (principal bedroom with an extensive range of fitted units), bathroom, lengthy drive, large garage (incorporating laundry section) & a separate toilet. Delightful, well tended, sheltered rear garden with summer house & shed. EPC Rating D SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £160,000

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Deepdale Lane

Deceptively spacious, ENLARGED, three bedroom semi detached with BASEMENT FLAT that has been transformed over recent years. This gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed accommodation comprises: Ground floor - entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room & enlarged/updated kitchen with integrated oven/hob/filter, large storage unit, breakfast bar, stairs to garage. First floor - three bedrooms & a reappointed shower room (former bathroom). Staircase (approach from hall or the store room) down to a 'lower ground floor' flat comprising entrance section, bathroom, living/dining room, kitchen, a kitchen section. Neat rear garden, good distant views. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

**WOODSETTON****NEW PRICE**

Brook Street

An attractive, modernised & conscientiously maintained, freehold, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated semi detached in well regarded district. Delightful accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, sitting room with bay, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, tiled shower room (formerly bathroom), lengthy (24'10") garage, garden with good distant views. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £145,950, NOW £134,950

**TIPTON**

Silverthorne Avenue, Foxyards

An absolutely outstanding, fastidiously maintained & tremendously improved, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (combi boiler) semi detached with garage, four bedrooms. Superb accommodation provides reception hall, lounge, dining room, transverse brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, upgraded kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & integrated appliances. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, utility room, fitted cloakroom, delightful gardens, block paved front drive. STAMP DUTY EXEMPT. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £134,950

**KINGSWINFORD**

Rangeways Road

Pleasantly located upon the very popular and sought after High Acres development and conveniently placed for local shops and amenities, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW has been recently updated, but offers FANTASTIC POTENTIAL to enhance the SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING and comprising: reception hall, large lounge with double french doors, kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS and bathroom with LARGE DRIVEWAY, CARPORT and GARAGE and enjoying a low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£124,950

**COSELEY**

Catherine Road, Hurst Hill

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Enviable situated upon fine CORNER PLOT a Freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached providing reception hall, kitchen, living/dining room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. SEPARATE GARAGE. Delightful secluded garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £121,750

**SEDGLEY**

Dudley Road

An attractive, freehold, gas centrally & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached originally located in quiet 'backwater' off main road, open plan with no level walking distance of the Bull Ring and all associated amenities. The accommodation includes hall, well equipped kitchen with integrated oven/hob/filter, 16ft lounge with patio doors through to UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY and beyond. Two double rooms (principal bedroom with built in wardrobes), bathroom with contemporary white suite & a shower. Sheltered/secluded rear garden, ample parking. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £118,500

**LOWER GORNAL**

Central Drive

Stylish, tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & upVC double glazed semi detached comprising reception hall, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, off road parking (kerb dropped) & lengthy SECLUDED REAR GARDEN with lawns & decking. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £115,000

**COSELEY**

Berrington Drive

A freehold, gas centrally heated, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached virtually at head of cul de sac within reasonable distance of so many amenities. A fine Coseley residence upon the improved accommodation includes porch, lounge (laminate finish floor), transverse breakfast kitchen, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS (one with a range of fitted units), recently reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite with chrome detailing, BRICK GARAGE (pitched roof) & garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £113,950

**LOWER GORNAL**

Bayswater Road

Conscientiously maintained, modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly upVC double glazed end "starter home" at head of cul-de-sac. Accommodation includes: reception hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Possible garage space (8'6" width, and subject to regulations), rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

**COSELEY**

Dimmocks Avenue

A conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached with further potential set in well regarded/convenient district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, pantry, lounge with bay, dining room (with double french doors out to garden), kitchen, three bedrooms (two with fitted units), tiled bathroom, neat gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £103,950

**DUDLEY****NEW PRICE**

Weavers Rise

This well presented, modern style, double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroom mid townhouse is well worthy of internal inspection, and may represent an ideal first time purchase. Accommodation briefly comprises: Lounge, Kitchen, two double Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, Garden and parking space to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the Region Of £99,950

**WOODCROSS**

Beacon Street

Situated on periphery of Sedgeley (just off Bath Street), a tremendously modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & upVC double glazed intermediate "starter home" that has been much enhanced by present vendors. Accommodation provides: lounge, transverse refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of "cherrywood" effect units with various integrated appliances. Two bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Secluded rear garden, off road parking. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

**BRIERLEY HILL**

Forming part of this now established address, this THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED AND WELL ARRANGED, TWO BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOME displays a most deceptive style and affords an arrangement of accommodation with both GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. To briefly comprise: hall, lovely sitting room, modern kitchen, two good sized first floor bedrooms and bathroom. Ample drive frontage and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

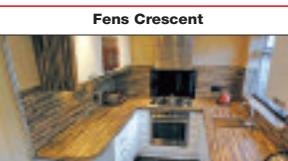
£89,950

**Cooper Avenue****COSELEY****NEW PRICE**

Kenelm Road

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This traditional style, double glazed (majority of units) and gas centrally heated semi detached now requires sympathetic modernisation/improvement yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £94,950, NOW £89,950

**BRIERLEY HILL****Fens Crescent**

Pleasantly situated within this established address, this VERY WELL ARRANGED AND THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED, TWO BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME, affords a layout with both GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND MAJORITY UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise: Hall, lovely sitting room, stunning re-fitted kitchen, two good first floor bedrooms and white bathroom. Large front drive providing vehicular parking and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£84,950

**BRIERLEY HILL****CONSERVATORY**

IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS OR THOSE SEEKING A BUT TO LET INVEST: This MOST APPEALING, MODERN, TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME affords a layout with UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise: hall, modern kitchen, sitting room, CONSERVATORY, two first floor bedrooms and re-fitted bathroom with white suite. Garden to the rear, parking to the front, economy seven storage heating. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£83,950

**SEDGLEY**

Thistle Close

50% SHARE FOR SALE. A significantly enhanced & much improved, gas centrally heated & upVC double glazed semi detached at head of short cul de sac with good distant views. Vendors' 50% share available for the remainder, managed by Housing Association who charge a fair market rent. Superb accommodation includes entrance hallway, excellent lounge with 'living flame' feature fire, recently refitted transverse dining kitchen with a range of 'American walnut' effect units & various integrated appliances, under-unit store. THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, power of geyser. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

O/A £79,950 FOR VENDORS' 50% SHARE

**BRIERLEY HILL****NEW PRICE**

Mullett Street

Forming part of this established address this TWO BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME should appeal to first time buyers or buy-to-let investors and affords a layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. To briefly comprise: sitting room with defined dining area, kitchen, large conservatory, two first floor bedrooms and bathroom. Large front drive and with an enclosed rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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**£199,950**

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**LANGSTONE ROAD**  
•An Extended Semi Detached Two Bedrooms•Extended Kitchen•Extended Dining Room•Lounge•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Garage•Driveaway

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**NEW ROWLEY ROAD**  
A Detached Three Bedroom Lounge & Dining Area•Fitted Kitchen•Ground Floor Cloakroom Double Glazing Where Stated•En-Suite Central Heating System•Garage To The Rear Driveway

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**NETHERTON**  
•An Improved Semi Detached Property•Three Bedrooms,Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Dining Area•Conservatory•Rear Garden Having Decking•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Bathroom

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•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Kitchen Diner•Lounge•Parking To Front•AVAILABLE NOW

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**LOWER GORNAL**  
•An Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Front & Extended Rear Lounge •Extended Kitchen •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Entrance Porch •Rear Garden •No Upward Chain

**£100,000**

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**DEEPDALE LANE**  
•Four Bedroom Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Bathroom Level Having Bathrooms & Bedroom 4•Lounge•Extended Kitchen•Utility Room•Elevated Views To Rear•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Driveaway•No Chain

**£149,950**

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**VALE STREET**  
•Greatly Improved Mid Terraced Three Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Fitted Kitchen•Diner•First Floor Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Enclosed Rear Garden

**£195,000**

DUDLEY 01384 455000



**UPPER GORNAL**  
•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Entrance Hall•Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom•Upstairs•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Driveway•No Chain

**£149,950**

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**ST JAMES'S ROAD**  
•An Extended Bay Fronted Semi Detached•Three BedRooms•Bedroom Four•Lounge & Dining Area•Extended Fitted Kitchen•Extended Ground Floor Cloakroom•Four Piece Bath•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Driveaway

**£149,950**

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**LINGFIELD WAY**  
•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Entrance Hall•Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom•Upstairs•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Driveway•No Chain

**£119,950**

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**ELMSTONE CLOSE**  
Three Bedroom Detached En-suite To Bedroom One Lounge/Dining Room Fitted Kitchen Ground Floor Cloakroom Gas Central Heating System Double Glazing Where Stated Driveway & Garage

**£176,950**

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**WHITEHALL DRIVE**  
•Three Bedroom Extended Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Conservatory•Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Drive

**£140,000**

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**TIVIDALE**



**RED LION CLOSE**  
•Three Bedroom Detached Occupying Corner Plot•Lounge•Kitchen Diner•Bathroom Upstairs•Garage•Double Glazing Where Stated•Rear Garden•Conservatory•Drive

**£149,950**

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**TIPTON**



**TIVIDALE ROAD**  
•A Modern Two Bedroom Mid Townhouse•Lounge•Kitchen•Double Glazing•Central Heating•Garage En-Block•Close To Amenities

**£525**

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**Russells Hall**



**Hawkesley Road**  
> REDUCED >Two Bedroom Semi Detached >Cul-De-Sac Location >Fitted Kitchen >Lounge >Driveaway >Rear Garden >Viewing Highly Recommended

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**THE BROADWAY**  
•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Fitted Kitchen & Utility Room•Ample Parking

**£595 PCM**

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**RICHBOROUGH DRIVE**  
•Four Bedroom Detached•Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Conservatory•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Double Glazing•Central Heating•Garage•Driveaway

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 <b>Tipton</b> <b>Bedford Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three bed town house</li><li>• Lounge Diner</li><li>• Master bedroom en suite</li><li>• Rear garden</li></ul> <b>£595.00pcm</b>	 <b>Tipton</b> <b>Bedford Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DG &amp; GCH</li><li>• Separate Garage &amp; ORP</li></ul> <b>£595.00pcm</b>	 <b>Willenhall</b> <b>Keats Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FF Two bed apartment</li><li>• Kitchen with Cooker</li><li>• Bathroom with Shower</li><li>• GCH &amp; DG</li></ul> <b>£400</b>	 <b>Willenhall</b> <b>Keats Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FF Two bed apartment</li><li>• Kitchen with Cooker</li><li>• Bathroom with Shower</li><li>• GCH &amp; DG</li></ul> <b>£400</b>	
 <b>Rowley Regis</b> <b>Powke Lane</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Four bed detached home</li><li>• FF Kitchen with appliances</li><li>• GCH &amp; DG</li><li>• Lounge</li></ul> <b>£795pcm</b>	 <b>Rowley Regis</b> <b>Powke Lane</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dining area</li><li>• Master bedroom en-suite</li><li>• Rear garden and ORP</li><li>• Alarmed</li></ul> <b>£795pcm</b>	 <b>Kingswinford</b> <b>Ibis Gardens</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three bed detached house</li><li>• CH &amp; DG</li><li>• Fully fitted kitchen</li><li>• Rear garden with shed</li><li>• Conservatory</li></ul> <b>£695pcm</b>	 <b>Dudley</b> <b>High Park Close</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three bed detached house</li><li>• Quiet cul-de-sac location</li><li>• Front &amp; hallway</li><li>• Kitchen with appliances</li></ul> <b>£650pcm</b>	 <b>Tipton</b> <b>Kirkham Way</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Freshly decorated three bed semi</li><li>• Separate dining room</li><li>• DG &amp; DG</li><li>• Newly carpeted throughout</li><li>• Lounge</li><li>• Private rear garden</li><li>• Aligned ORP</li></ul> <b>£550pcm</b>
 <b>Dudley</b> <b>Madison Avenue</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three bed town house</li><li>• Lounge</li><li>• Double aspect WC</li><li>• Fully fitted kitchen</li></ul> <b>£625pcm</b>	 <b>Dudley</b> <b>Madison Avenue</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Master bedroom is ensuite</li><li>• Available Immediately</li></ul> <b>£625pcm</b>	 <b>West Bromwich</b> <b>Tame Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three bed detached house</li><li>• Quiet cul-de-sac location</li><li>• CH &amp; DG</li><li>• Spacious lounge</li></ul> <b>£550pcm</b>	 <b>West Bromwich</b> <b>Tame Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kitchen with appliances</li><li>• Double aspect shower</li><li>• Private rear garden</li><li>• ORP</li></ul> <b>£550pcm</b>	 <b>Wednesbury</b> <b>Devon Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two bed semi-detached</li><li>• Lounge</li><li>• Fitted kitchen</li><li>• Separate WC</li><li>• Hall, spacious</li><li>• Central heated</li></ul> <b>£550pcm</b>
 <b>Bilston</b> <b>Horace Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two bed mid-terrace bath and shower</li><li>• Tiled roof</li><li>• Fully fitted kitchen</li><li>• Rear Garden</li><li>• ORP</li></ul> <b>£525pcm</b>	 <b>Tipton</b> <b>Ferguson Drive</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two bed mid terrace CH &amp; DG</li><li>• Gas fired central heating</li><li>• Double glazed sash</li></ul> <b>£525pcm</b>	 <b>Coseley</b> <b>Redwood Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two bed mid town shower house</li><li>• Fitted dining/kitchen decking</li><li>• Bathroom with ORP</li></ul> <b>£500pcm</b>	 <b>Wednesbury</b> <b>Derby Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three bed mid terraced</li><li>• Hall, Lounge</li><li>• Fully fitted kitchen shower</li><li>• Separate dining room.</li><li>• Bathroom with shower</li></ul> <b>£495pcm</b>	 <b>Wolverhampton</b> <b>Shaylor Grove</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two bed semi kitchen with new cooker</li><li>• Unfurnished</li><li>• Fully fitted GCH</li></ul> <b>£475pcm</b>
 <b>Bilston</b> <b>Ambleside Close</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modernised one bed town house</li><li>• Double aspect lounge</li><li>• Fully fitted dining kitchen</li></ul> <b>£435pcm</b>	 <b>Bilston</b> <b>Bradley Lane</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three bed semi CH and DG</li><li>• Fitted kitchen with appliances</li><li>• Shower</li></ul> <b>£450pcm</b>	 <b>Hagley</b> <b>The Briars</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One bed coach kitchen house apartment</li><li>• Central Heated</li><li>• Spacious lounge</li><li>• Modern fitted</li></ul> <b>£450pcm</b>	 <b>Tipton</b> <b>Nock Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ground floor two bed maisonette</li><li>• CH and DG</li><li>• Refitted bathroom with shower</li><li>• Fitted kitchen with oven and hob</li></ul> <b>£450pcm</b>	 <b>Tipton</b> <b>Nock Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rear garden</li><li>• Available immediately</li></ul> <b>£450pcm</b>
 <b>Bilston</b> <b>Ambleside Close</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modernised one bed town house</li><li>• Double aspect lounge</li><li>• Fully fitted dining kitchen</li></ul> <b>£435pcm</b>	 <b>Tipton</b> <b>Regent Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One bed semi bungalow walk in shower</li><li>• CH &amp; DG</li><li>• Bathroom with</li></ul> <b>£425pcm</b>	 <b>Coseley</b> <b>New Tree Lane</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two Bed apartment Bathrooms with shower and bath</li><li>• Kitchen with appliances</li><li>• CH and DG</li><li>• Allocated Parking</li></ul> <b>£425pcm</b>	 <b>Kingswinford</b> <b>Roger's Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charming one bed ground floor studio flat</li><li>• Lounge with feature fireplace</li><li>• Communal gardens</li><li>• Fully furnished</li><li>• Shower cubicle</li><li>• ORP</li></ul> <b>£350pcm</b>	

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A handsome Grade II listed house in a popular North Worcestershire Conservation Village. Hall, drawing room, morning room, dining room, garden room, kitchen / breakfast room, utility, cloakroom. Master bedroom ensuite, 7 further bedrooms, 2 family bathrooms. Garden. Triple garage with playroom over. Parking. Paddocks. In all about 3.46 acres (1.4 hectares). EPC Rating: E

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## Envile, Shropshire/Staffordshire border

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## Mamble, Worcestershire

NEW PRICE Guide £525,000

A delightful former farmhouse in a pretty village location. Reception hall, drawing room, sitting room, dining room, kitchen / breakfast room, utility. 6 bedrooms (one en suite), family bathroom, shower room. Cellar. Garden store. Attractive gardens. Pony turn-out area. Approximate Gross Internal Area (GIA) 3,250 sq ft. In all about 0.74 of an acre (0.30 of a hectare). EPC Rating: F

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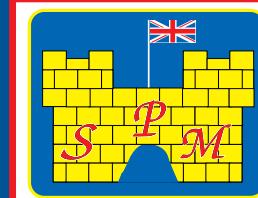
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<b>WORDSY</b>	<b>GORNAL</b>	<b>LYE</b>	<b>OLDBURY</b>
			
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<b>DUDLEY</b>	<b>KINVER</b>	<b>QUINTON</b>	<b>WORDSY</b>
			
<b>DONNINGTON COURT</b> £550 pcm Purpose Built Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, En Suite, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Allocated Parking	<b>SPRING CLOSE</b> £475 pcm Apartment, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished	<b>MAYSWOOD GROVE</b> £625 pcm Semi Detached Property, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage	<b>LAWNSWOOD ROAD</b> £610 pcm Terraced Cottage, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom with Shower, Two Double Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden

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# A must for bargain hunters



Dacia's Sandero Stepway is certainly turning heads

**DESPITE** being a brand defined by the affordability of its cars, Dacia understands the need for models that give the people what they want. The Sandero Stepway is one of those.

Based on the Sandero hatchback, the Stepway is more of a crossover-type car, riding higher and with a handful of off-roader styling cues to give a more rugged look.

Sales in this sector of the market have been ballooning for the last few years and Dacia would be daft not to get in on the act.

The sub-range is almost identical to that of the Sandero hatch. It's in the company's interests to share parts, platforms and equipment as much as possible, allowing a cheaper price to them be passed on to the consumer.

There are turbocharged 0.9-litre petrol and 1.5-litre diesel engine options with two trim levels, so the Stepway does without the entry-level engine and trim options you can get in the ordinary Sandero. Tested here is the Stepway Laureate 1.5 dCi; the priciest Sandero variant you can buy at a likely £10,795 or so when order books open at the spring.

For around £1,000 less, you can have the gutsy and frugal 898cc turbocharged petrol TCE, which makes it the soundest financial bet for most

buyers. Either way, Dacia predicts a lot of people will go for Laureate spec for its massive value for money.

As well as the 40mm ride height increase over the common-or-garden Sandero which improves accessibility and gives a better view of the road ahead, buyers get smart-looking roof rails, an inset built colour satnav system, cruise control, a speed limiter and reverse-parking sensors. Not the sort of things you normally expect on a sub-£11,000 runabout, but all of them very welcome.

## Impressive

The 89bhp diesel engine is equally impressive on the value front. Based on the cheaper of the two Renault-Nissan alliance small-capacity units (there's also a 1.6 in the group), it produces ample power and only 105g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>, which although not hitting the tax-free heights of some of its costlier Renault cousins is still very impressive – and very cheap to run.

One of the parts shared between all Sandero models including the Stepway is the rev counter, which has no red zone and extends past 7,000rpm. The diesel can't reach those engine speeds but pulls well between 1,900rpm and 3,500rpm.

The weight difference between the diesel and the petrol is about 60kg, and all of it rests over the front wheels. The Stepway, with its taller stance, is especially susceptible to the negative effects this

has on the way the car drives, feeling just a little more ponderous around corners and marginally firmer at the front end. A stiffer suspension set-up has been used to account for the extra weight.

But for general biffing around town or country, the diesel Stepway is a thoroughly amiable little partner, happily negotiating steep hills and displaying fine cruising credentials. The only issue is louder-than-average wind noise around the front screen and A-pillars.

Its five-speed gearbox is a bit notchy when locating a new cog and if you place your hand on it, the gear lever can feel wobbly. It's not too noticeable during normal gearshifts though.

A highlight among the practical benefits that the Stepway can claim over the standard Sandero has to be the unpainted plastic trim around the wheel arches, side skirts and bumpers. It helps prevent certain kinds of car park knocks and scrapes from damaging paintwork and offers a cheaper repair solution. Otherwise the car shares the surprisingly spacious boot and ample rear legroom of the Sandero.

Although Dacia has taken an ear-bashing from Euro NCAP over the safety scores its cars are getting, the safety bods are getting a little overzealous with their latest requests for five-star cars – and in isolation the UK-spec Sandero Stepway would get a sound four.

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## Healthy set of numbers sign up for the big run



ENTRIES are coming in now for the Action Heart five-mile run on Sunday, February 24 (9.30am).

If you have yet to start training, it's still not too late. The programme is flexible and you can accommodate a missed day by adding a couple of minutes to the other days and swapping the rest day to suit your individual situation.

Newcomers to running should remember to warm up before each session and warm down afterwards. It is helpful to stretch your leg muscles prior to running and brisk walking or jogging on the spot for five to 10 minutes is an effective way of preparing the body.

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<b>Sun:</b> Two-mile jog/walk

## Perfect nine for winner Jeremy

CHESS player Jeremy Fallowfield produced a perfect nine from nine score to win Stourbridge Chess Club's New Year blitz tournament.

He was unperturbed by a fast time control of seven minutes per player, per game. Second place went to newcomer Nick Arkell with eight points while Greg Dyett was third on six.

Anyone interested in playing for Stourbridge, or who would just like to improve their game, can call Dave Scriven on 01384 423642 or visit [www.stourbridgechess.f9.co.uk](http://www.stourbridgechess.f9.co.uk)



Bob Fisher hands the sailing award to Mya Kilpatrick-Wood

## Young sailor Mya hoists award

WOMBOURNE sailor Mya Kilpatrick-Wood has been presented with a Royal Yachting Association award.

The 16-year-old was honoured as West Midlands regional young sailor of the year for 2012 at the London International Boat Show.

The award, from British sailing's national governing body, was handed over on Saturday and recognises the outstanding achievements of youth sailors and powerboaters across the country.

Kilpatrick-Wood was voted the distinction last autumn in recognition of her tireless dedication to establishing a junior section at Himley Hall Sailing Club.

### Sailing

She first took up the sport there at the age of 12.

She raised funds for the junior section and represented it on the club's committee, identifying both potential enhancements and shortfalls in proposed plans.

She has also organised and run several junior fun days and has been running the club's popular junior sailing sessions every Thursday evening since July.

Kilpatrick-Wood is a key member of the club's training team and has recently become a full RYA-recognised dinghy instructor.

She was among 13 RYA regional young sailor of the year winners who are nominated by RYA-affiliated clubs.

They have made a significant impact on youth sailing, ranging from gold-medal winning achievements and overcoming adversity to the huge amount of hard work and effort they give back to their clubs.

The awards were presented by Bob Fisher, chairman of the Yachting Journalists Association.

Kilpatrick-Wood and her family were treated to a VIP day at the show.

For more information about sailing in the West Midlands, go online and visit the RYA website [www.rya.org.uk/regions/westmidlands](http://www.rya.org.uk/regions/westmidlands)

## Sub Sam is spot on to score the winner

### Kettering 0 Stourbridge 1

A CONTENTIOUS penalty converted by Sean Geddes two minutes after coming on as a substitute gave the Glassboys a narrow victory over relegation-threatened Kettering Town.

The Northamptonshire side were forced into a late change when goalkeeper Yannick Nlate suffered a warm-up injury and deputy Ashley Talbot took his place.

Stourbridge started the Evo-Stik Southern Premier fixture brightly and had a chance in the fourth minute when Drew Canavan fed Gavin Hurren. His deep cross was met by Luke Benbow at the far post, but he directed his header wide.

Then a header from James McPike – replacing the ill Ben Billingham – did not have enough power.

As the Glassboys pressed, Jordan Fitzpatrick disposed of Chris Logan but his pass to Sean Evans was a little too heavy and his angled shot was saved.

Stourbridge threatened on 22 minutes when Leon Broadhurst played the ball through the left channel to Benbow and his neat back-heeled set up Evans, whose 20-yard drive flew over.

Kettering's Joel Gyasi saw his low centre scooped the ball over his own cross-bar by Hurren.

Three minutes before the interval, a testing corner from Canavan was weakly punched away by Talbot and McCone's shot was blocked.

Geddes replaced Canavan and almost immediately the Glassboys' regular penalty taker broke the deadlock from the spot after winger Troy Johnston appeared to have a tug of his shirt before he went down.

## Jones says No to speedway

STOURBRIDGE speedway hopeful Emerson Jones has hung up his kevlar before his career has even started.

The 18-year-old motocross convert caught the eye in practice and amateur meetings on the shale and landed himself a 2013 contract with Stoke.

The Potters were looking to put him straight into their National League side.

But they must now look again after Jones decided to concentrate on motocross, despite the purchase of a speedway bike from Elite League star Linus Sundstrom.



Adam Roynon (white helmet) leads team-mate Ashley Morris (yellow) and Mildenhall's Joe Jacobs (red) and Stefan Nielsen (blue) in the fateful National League play-off second leg which was staged at King's Lynn's track

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**Welborn is at his fittest for title bout**

ROWLEY REGIS' Jason Welborn has whipped himself into "the shape of his life" for his British title fight at Walsall Town Hall tomorrow night.

The challenger to Frankie Gavin's welterweight crown has put in 12 weeks of dedicated preparation in what has been his hardest training camp yet.

The 26-year-old may have to put it all on the line against Britain's only world amateur title winner, a vastly talented southpaw from Birmingham.

Welborn put the finishing touches to his preparations at Amphiion ABC in the town hall this week alongside Walsall duo Martin Gethin and Christopher Keane.

Gethin boxes for the British and Commonwealth lightweight belts on the bill, while Keane has a shot at the Midlands cruiserweight titles.

And Welborn is aiming to do his bit to make it a hat-trick of home wins on the show, to be broadcast live on BoxNation.

He said: "Training has gone really well. I have got my diet spot-on and I'm feeling really fit and strong."

"I have had 12 weeks of dedicated training. I have lived and breathed boxing every day."

"I sacrificed the festivities over Christmas and New Year and I'm feeling the best I've ever felt."

"I've had some great sparing with quick and tricky southpaws who mirror Gavin's style and I'm ready to take him on."

"I've been working hard and I'm feeling really strong. I know I can bang and I can feel that strength every time I throw my shots."

**United given goals lesson**

Causeway United 0  
Loughborough University 3

ANDY MOLE'S first game in charge at Midland Alliance side Causeway ended in defeat against classy Loughborough University.

Visitors' top scorer Daniel Nti by-passed the defensive wall to score after Carl Martin gave away a free-kick on the edge of the box and then, on 15 minutes, crossed for Martin to head past his own keeper.

Right on the break Nti headed home. Causeway's only chance came five minutes from time as Scott Devlin shot wide.

## Gornal set for biggest game in their history

by Joe Rowell

MIDLAND ALLIANCE side Gornal Athletic are preparing for the biggest game in their year on Saturday.

They have already rewritten the club record books by reaching the fourth round of the FA Vase – but a win at home over Wisbech Town would put them in the last 16 and just three games from Wembley.

Gornal's previous best Vase run saw them reach the third round.

Prize money from the Vase has already earned Gornal £4,800 this season, but victory against Thurlow Nunn League Premier Division Wisbech would net them an extra £2,000.

Gornal manager Ian Rowe said he is proud of the team and doesn't think there can be many non-budget teams left in the competition.

Rowe hopes to draw at least two or three times' Gornal's normal attendance of 80 to 100 at the Garden Walk Stadium, especially with Wolves playing away and Albion kicking off late.

Coaches and cars are also travelling down from Wisbech, a club which normally pulls in about 250 fans for home games.

But the literal cloud over the match con-

cerns preparation – bad weather has hampered Rowe's planning and his side have played just three games in the last six weeks.

Rowe has studied Gornal's opponents on YouTube, is grateful for the home advantage but also wary because four of his players are cup-tied.

He said his team are "grounded" but looking forward to the tie, while the four ineligible men are "gutted".

Team and staff have been promised half of the season's winnings. "It will be great for the club," he said.

The manager reckons Gornal are progressing every year – they reached the



**Mya way**  
Young sailor lands prestigious trophy  
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**Fightback but Town are made to Waite**

**Tipton Town 5 Highgate Utd 3**  
TIPTON TOWN went top for a second successive weekend – but this time after a fightback.

After a 5-0 win over Coleshill the previous week, Tipton's excellent form looked to have gone as the visitors went 2-0 up in a Midland Alliance fixture.

They made Tipton pay in the 23rd minute as unchallenged Andy Fraher headed in from DJ Pitt's free-kick.

Two minutes later Richard Huckfield's error was punished by Highgate skipper Tom Reynolds.

Tipton's Huckfield headed over before striker Karl Edwards' shot was pushed out for Tom Tonks, to hit the loose ball home.

In the second half Tipton equalised in the 51st minute as Reuben Wilson guided the keeper to save and namesake Karl smashed in the rebound.

Huckfield led two minutes later as Nigel Penney forced the keeper to save and namesake Karl smashed in the rebound.

Nathan Waite came on for Karl Edwards in the 72nd minute before Matt Martin tested the keeper with a volley. Tipton's Huckfield got a nasty head injury in the 78th minute trying to clear and had lengthy treatment before continuing.

In the 81st minute Tonks completed his brace by heading in after being set up by Nathan Waite.

Highgate won in a penalty minute, but Jack Hayfield dived full-length to save.

Tipton scored in the final minute through Waite.



He's off! Josh Buggea bursts from a scrum in the dying moments with DK trailing...



... and scores the vital try which gives his side victory over Darlington Mowden Park

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